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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1516, L.D. 2020, Bill, "An Act to Promote the Fiscal Sustainability of the Highway Fund"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

'Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §2903, sub-§1-D is enacted to read:

1-D. Temporary fuel tax decrease. Notwithstanding subsection 1, beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003, the excise tax rate specified in subsection 1 for internal combustion engine fuel used or sold within this State is decreased by 3¢ per gallon except for internal combustion engine fuel, as defined in section 2902, bought or used for the purpose of propelling jet or turbojet engine aircraft. This subsection is repealed July 1, 2003.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following:

'Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §3203, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Temporary fuel tax decrease. Notwithstanding subsection 1, beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003, the excise tax rate specified in subsection 1 for special fuel is decreased by 3¢ per gallon. This subsection is repealed July 1, 2003.'

Further amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

**HOUSE AMENDMENT**

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 1516, L.D. 2020

2 'Sec. 9. Transfer of funds. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised  
3 Statutes, Title 20-A, Part 9, the Commissioner of Administrative  
4 and Financial Services shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the Maine  
5 Learning Technology Endowment to the Highway Fund no later than  
6 30 days after the effective date of this Act.

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8 **Sec. 10. Lease purchase deauthorization.** This section  
9 deauthorizes the financing arrangements found in Public Law 2001,  
10 chapter 559, Part D, section 21 and is considered a  
11 deappropriation of all funding for the laptop computer systems of  
12 the Maine Learning Technology Program.

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14 **Sec. 11. Appropriations and allocations.** The following  
15 appropriations and allocations are made.

16 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

17 **Maine Learning Technology Endowment**

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19 Initiative: Provides funds for the costs of the lease purchase  
20 for 850 laptop computers already received for students and  
21 teachers and to eliminate the Other Special Revenue funds  
22 allocation in Public Law 2001, chapter 559, Part A to reflect  
23 the transfer of all funds from the Maine Learning Technology  
24 Endowment program.

25	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
26	All Other	\$0	\$255,000
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28	Total	\$0	\$255,000
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30	<b>Other Special Revenue Funds</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>
31	All Other	\$0	(\$7,384,730)
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33	Total	\$0	(\$7,384,730)'

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35 Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any  
36 nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read  
37 consecutively.

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39 **FISCAL NOTE**

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41 **2002-03**

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43 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

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45 General Fund \$255,000

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47 **REVENUES**

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "b" to H.P. 1516, L.D. 2020

Highway Fund

\$653,701

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This amendment directs the transfer of \$25,000,000 from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the Highway Fund in order to lower the gasoline and special fuels taxes. The transfer results in reducing the gasoline and special fuels taxes by \$.03 in fiscal year 2002-03 affecting a revenue loss of approximately \$24,369,299. Given the transfer above, this will result in a net revenue gain to the Highway Fund of \$653,701.

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The Bureau of Revenue Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services will require a General Fund appropriation to administer the tax changes implemented by this amendment. The amount of that appropriation can not be determined at this time.

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This amendment also provides a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Education of \$255,000 in fiscal year 2002-03 to fund the cost of the lease purchase for 850 laptop computers already received for students and teachers. The balance of the appropriation required by the Department of Education to satisfy the contractual obligations of this program beginning in fiscal year 2002-03 can not be determined at this time.

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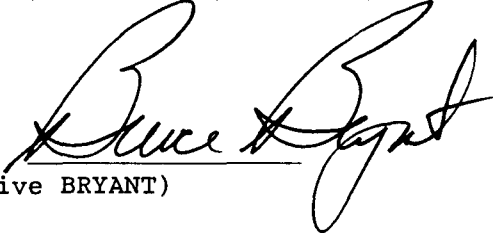
SUMMARY

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This amendment transfers the balance of the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the Highway Fund and uses the funds to decrease the excise tax imposed on gasoline and special fuels by 3¢ for one year beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003. This amendment also deauthorizes the financing arrangements for the endowment.

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SPONSORED BY:   
(Representative BRYANT)

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TOWN: Dixfield

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