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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "P" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1574, L.D. 2080, Bill, "An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2003"

Amend the amendment in Part D by striking out all of section 21.

Further amend the amendment by inserting after Part SS the following:

PART TT

Sec. TT-1. Lease purchase authorization. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1587, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services on behalf of the Department of Education may enter into financing arrangements in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03 for the acquisition of laptop computer systems to support the operations of the Maine Learning Technology Program. The financing agreements may not exceed 4-1/2 years in duration and \$22,323,279.08 in principal costs. The interest rate may not exceed 4.5% and the total interest costs may not exceed \$2,546,720.92. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category allocations in the Department of Education. This section takes effect only if the referendum required in this Part fails.

Sec. TT-2. Transfer of funds. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Part 9, the Commissioner of

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2 Administrative and Financial Services shall transfer \$25,000,000
3 from the Maine Learning Technology Endowment to the
4 unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30,
5 2003.

6 **Sec. TT-3. Calculations.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised
7 Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15602, subsection 16 and section
8 15653, subsection 4, within 30 days of the effective date of this
9 Part, the Department of Education shall make calculations of the
10 distributions necessary to implement this Part and shall notify
11 school units and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations
12 and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on
13 Education and Cultural Affairs of these calculations.

14 **Sec. TT-4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
15 appropriations and allocations are made.

18 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

20 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools**

22 Initiative: Provides additional funds to be distributed
23 through the GPA formula.

	2001-02	2002-03
26 General Fund		
27 All Other	\$0	\$25,000,000

28 **Sec. TT-5. Special referendum procedure; submission at statewide**
29 **election; form of question; effective date.** This Part must be submitted
30 to the legal voters of the State at the next statewide election
31 in the month of June following passage of this Act. The
32 municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of
33 their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the
34 manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to
35 vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Part by voting on the
36 following question:

38 "Do you favor removing the amount of money that represents
39 taxpayer contributions to the Maine Learning Technology
40 Endowment from the endowment for laptop computers for
41 students and instead applying that amount to local schools
42 through General Purpose Aid for Local Schools?"

44 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall
45 vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a
46 cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below
47 the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted,
48 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings
49 and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as
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votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review
the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes
are cast in favor of the question, the Governor shall proclaim
that fact without delay, and sections 2, 3 and 4 of this Part
take effect 30 days after the date of the proclamation. If it
appears that a majority of the legal votes are not cast in favor
of the question, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without
delay, and section 1 of this Part takes effect 30 days after the
date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each
city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this
Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.'

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering
any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

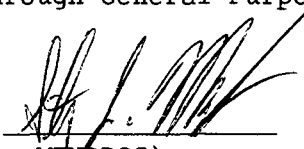
FISCAL NOTE

This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund
appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained
for the 2002-2003 biennium.

This amendment requires a referendum at the statewide
election in June, 2002 to determine if \$25,000,000 in the Maine
Learning Technology Endowment will be transferred and disbursed
to local schools through the General Purpose Aid for Local
Schools program within the Department of Education. The costs
for the referendum are included in Part A of Committee Amendment
A to LD 2080.

SUMMARY

This amendment requires a referendum at the statewide
election in June 2002 to determine whether Maine voters wish to
remove the taxpayer contributions from the Maine Learning
Technology Endowment and instead disburse that \$25,000,000 to
local schools through General Purpose Aid for Local Schools.

SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative MENDROS)

TOWN: Lewiston