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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 93, L.D. 84, Bill, "An Act To Reimburse the State Poet Laureate and To Provide Access to the State Poet Laureate's Services"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §424 is enacted to read:

**§424. State Poet Laureate Reimbursement Fund**

1. Fund established. The State Poet Laureate Reimbursement Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds account administered by the Maine Arts Commission. The fund consists of gifts, grants or other sources of revenues deposited for the purposes described in subsection 2. The fund must be held separate from all other money, funds and accounts.

2. Fund purpose. The purpose of the fund is to provide funds to nonprofit public agencies and schools in the State to reimburse the State Poet Laureate for the cost of travel and related expenses associated with bringing the services of the State Poet Laureate to the community. The Maine Arts Commission shall administer the fund and develop guidelines and procedures to make the services of the State Poet Laureate available to any nonprofit public agency and school in the State.

3. Application process. The Maine Arts Commission shall establish an application process for fund requests for the purposes set forth in this section.

2 4. Promotion. The Maine Arts Commission shall promote the  
3 availability of the fund through its various avenues of  
4 communication, including its publicly accessible site on the  
5 Internet.

6 **Sec. 2. Review.** The Maine Arts Commission shall conduct a  
7 review of the process associated with a school's or a nonprofit  
8 public agency's applying for and obtaining funds from the State  
9 Poet Laureate Reimbursement Fund, established in the Maine  
10 Revised Statutes, Title 27, section 424, after the process has  
11 been in place for 3 years and make any necessary adjustments by  
12 September 30, 2006. The commission may submit to the Legislature  
13 any legislation necessary to implement recommendations resulting  
14 from the review.'

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18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to provide an  
20 alternative approach to achieving the intent of the bill, which  
21 establishes the State Poet Laureate Reimbursement Fund within the  
22 Maine Arts Commission. The amendment replaces the General Fund  
23 account proposed in the bill with an Other Special Revenue Funds  
24 account and clarifies that the fund administered by the  
25 commission may provide funds to nonprofit public agencies and to  
26 schools in Maine to reimburse the State Poet Laureate for the  
27 cost of travel and related expenses associated with bringing the  
28 services of the State Poet Laureate to the community. This  
29 amendment also requires the commission to conduct a review of the  
30 process of applying for and obtaining funds once the process has  
31 been in place for 3 years and to implement any necessary  
32 adjustments by September 30, 2006. The amendment further  
33 requires the Maine Arts Commission to promote the State Poet  
34 Laureate Reimbursement Fund through its various avenues of  
35 communication, including its publicly accessible site on the  
36 Internet.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See attached)

121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review



LD 84

An Act to Reimburse the State Poet Laureate and to Provide Access to  
the State Poet Laureate's Services

LR 1048(02)

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This bill establishes the State Poet Laureate Reimbursement Fund as a dedicated fund to be administered by the Maine Arts Commission and includes base allocations of \$500 in fiscal year 2003-04 and \$500 in fiscal year 2004-05.