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L.D. 499

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "M" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 383, L.D. 499, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009"

Amend the amendment in Part C by striking out all of section 10 and inserting the following:

Sec. C-10. Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. The total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2007-08 is as follows:

	2007-08
	TOTAL
Total Operating Allocation	
Total operating allocation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683 without transition percentage	\$1,313,158,488
Total operating allocation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683 with 95% transition percentage	\$1,247,500,564
Transition adjustments pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15686	\$3,264,728
Total other subsidizable costs pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15681-A	\$236,671,240
Total Operating Allocation	<hr/>

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2 Total operating allocation pursuant to the Maine \$1,487,436,532
3 Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683 with 95%
4 transition percentage plus transition adjustment
5 pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15686 and total other
6 subsidizable costs pursuant to Title 20-A, section
7 15681-A

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9 **Total Debt Service Allocation**

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11 Total debt service allocation pursuant to the Maine \$90,484,971
12 Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683-A

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14 **Total Adjustments and Miscellaneous Costs**

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16 Total adjustments and miscellaneous costs pursuant to \$249,702,275
17 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections
18 15689 and 15689-A

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20 **Total Cost of Funding Public Education from**
21 **Kindergarten to Grade 12**

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23 Total cost of funding public education from \$1,827,623,778
24 kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2007-08
25 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,
26 chapter 606-B

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28 Amend the amendment in Part C by inserting after section 13 the following:

29 **'Sec. C-14. Expenditure for employer's share of teacher retirement costs.**
30 For the 2007-08 fiscal year and 2008-09 fiscal year, the Commissioner of Education shall
31 expend and disburse funds to the Maine State Retirement System for the employer's
32 share of teacher retirement costs in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,
33 section 17154, subsections 2 and 6 and section 17254.'

34 Amend the amendment by inserting after Part XXXX the following:

35 **'PART YYYY**

36 **Sec. YYYY-1. Transfers to Local Government Fund.** Notwithstanding any
37 other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer from the General Fund
38 unappropriated surplus \$177,054,037 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$178,669,830 in fiscal
39 year 2008-09 to the Local Government Fund to be distributed pursuant to the Maine
40 Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 5681, subsections 4-A and 4-B. These transfers to
41 the Local Government Fund are exempt from the 2% transfer to the Fund for the Efficient

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1 Delivery of Local and Regional Services pursuant to Title 30-A, section 5681, subsection
2 5-B.

3 **Sec. YYYY-2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations
4 and allocations are made.

5 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

6 **Teacher Retirement 0170**

7 Initiative: Deappropriates funds for teacher retirement due to funding for the program
8 being placed into General Purpose Aid.

9	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
10	All Other	(\$177,054,037)	(\$178,669,830)
11			
12	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$177,054,037)</u>	<u>(\$178,669,830)</u>
13			

14 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
15 or section number to read consecutively.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 Under current law, the State is required to fund 55% of essential programs and
18 services by fiscal year 2008-09 and to work towards that goal each fiscal year leading up
19 to fiscal year 2008-09. The State's share of teacher retirement costs does not count
20 towards the 55%.

21 This amendment changes that treatment of the State's share of teacher retirement
22 costs, so that the amount paid by the State is counted towards the attainment of the 55%
23 state funding goal. Counting the State's share of teacher retirement costs towards the
24 55% allows for a transfer under this amendment of \$177,054,037 and \$178,669,830 to the
25 Local Government Fund in fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09, respectively, to be used for
26 state-municipal revenue sharing.

27 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

28 (See attached)

29 **SPONSORED BY:** 

30 (Representative JOY)

31 **TOWN:** Crystal

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LR 2452(06)

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Fiscal Note for House Amendment "M" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Joy of Crystal

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No net impact

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009 10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$185,464,103)	(\$185,464,103)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$177,054,037)	(\$178,669,830)	(\$185,464,103)	(\$185,464,103)
Transfers				
General Fund	(\$177,054,037)	(\$178,669,830)	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will have no net General Fund impact during the 2008-2009 biennium and a balanced budget is maintained for fiscal year 2007-08 and fiscal year 2008-09.