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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
123RD LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1547, L.D. 2173, 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, 2008 and June 30, 2009"

Amend the amendment in Part C by striking out all of sections 17, 18 and 19.

Amend the amendment in Part C in section 20 in the 2nd line (page 241, line 15 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Sections 18 and 19 of"

Amend the amendment in Part C in section 21 in the first line (page 241, line 20 in amendment) by striking out the following: "sections 18 and 19 of this" and inserting the following: "This"

Amend the amendment in Part C by inserting after section 22 the following:

Sec. C-23. Calculation. The Commissioner of Education shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Part, calculate the mill expectation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15671-A for fiscal year 2008-09 and the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2008-09 in accordance with this Part. The commissioner shall submit the information to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part W and inserting the following:

PART W

Sec. W-1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. XX, §5 and PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

7. Payment by State. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the State, through the commission, shall pay 100% and, effective July 1, 2008, 86% of only the employee's share of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the employee as authorized by the commission, except for Legislators, for whom the State shall pay 50% of the health plan premium for dependent coverage. For any person appointed to a position after November 1, 1981 who

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1 is employed less than full time, the State shall pay a share of the employee's share
2 reduced pro rata to reflect the reduced number of work hours. The State may not pay any
3 portion of the health plan premium for a blind person eligible for the group health plan
4 under subsection 1, paragraph H or for a licensed foster parent eligible for the group
5 health plan under subsection 1, paragraph I.

6 For persons who were first employed before July 1, 1991, the State shall pay 100% of
7 only the retiree's share of the premiums for the standard plan identified and offered by the
8 commission and available to the retiree, as authorized by the commission for persons who
9 were previously eligible for this health plan pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph A and
10 who have subsequently become eligible pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph G.

11 For persons who were first employed by the State after July 1, 1991, the State shall pay a
12 pro rata share portion of only the retiree's share of the premiums for the standard plan
13 identified and offered by the commission and available to the retiree, as authorized by the
14 commission for persons who were previously eligible for this health plan pursuant to
15 subsection 1, paragraph A and who have subsequently become eligible pursuant to
16 subsection 1, paragraph G based on the total number of years of participation in the group
17 health plan prior to retirement as follows:

18 Years of Participation	State Portion
19 10 or more years	100% group health plan premium
20 9 but less than 10 years	90% group health plan premium
21 8 but less than 9 years	80% group health plan premium
22 7 but less than 8 years	70% group health plan premium
23 6 but less than 7 years	60% group health plan premium
24 5 but less than 6 years	50% group health plan premium
25 Less than 5 years	No contribution

26 Pursuant to Title 20-A, section 12722, subsection 5, this subsection applies to participants
27 in the defined contribution plan offered by the Maine Community College System Board
28 of Trustees under Title 20-A, section 12722.

29 **Sec. W-2. Calculation and transfer; health insurance premium**
30 **contribution savings.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget
31 Officer shall calculate the amount of savings in section 1 that applies against each
32 General Fund account for all departments and agencies from savings in the state share of
33 the employee premium contribution and shall transfer the amounts by financial order
34 upon the approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered adjustments to
35 appropriations in fiscal years 2008-09. The State Budget Officer shall provide the joint
36 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and
37 financial affairs a report of the transferred amounts no later than November 1, 2008.

38 **Sec. W-3. Calculation and transfer; health insurance savings.**
39 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Budget Officer shall calculate the
40 amount of savings in section 1, as achieved and implemented by the State Employee
41 Health Commission that applies against each General Fund account for all departments

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1 and agencies from savings in the cost of health insurance attributable to the
 2 implementation of new or modified deductibles and copayments comparable to those of
 3 other large employers in the State, and shall transfer the amounts by financial order upon
 4 the approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered adjustments to
 5 appropriations in fiscal years 2008-09. The State Budget Officer shall provide the joint
 6 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and
 7 financial affairs a report of the transferred amounts no later than November 1, 2008.

8 **Sec. W-4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 9 allocations are made.

10 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

11 **Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016**

12 Initiative: Reduces funding as a result of savings to be achieved by a reduction in the state
 13 share of employee health insurance premiums from 100% to 86% of the individual
 14 premium for state employees.

15	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
16	Personal Services	\$0	(\$5,600,000)
17			
18	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	(\$5,600,000)

19 **Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016**

20 Initiative: Reduces funding from projected health insurance savings resulting from
 21 actions taken by the State Employee Health Commission to reduce the costs of the state
 22 employee and retiree health plan. Changes to be considered include but are not limited to
 23 implementing new or modified deductibles and copayments that are comparable to those
 24 of other large employer plans in Maine.

25	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
26	Personal Services	\$0	(\$6,900,000)
27			
28	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	(\$6,900,000)

29 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL**
 30 **SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

31	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2007-08	2008-09
32			
33	GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$12,500,000)
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35	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	(\$12,500,000)

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1 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

2 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

3 Initiative: Deappropriates funding for one Office Associate II position, one Education
 4 Specialist III position, one Office Specialist I Supervisor position and one Public Service
 5 Manager III position in the Management Information Systems program within the
 6 General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program at 54.01% of the cost.

7	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
8	All Other	\$0	(\$171,923)
9			
10	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$171,923)

11 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

12 Initiative: Provides additional funding to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools
 13 program.

14	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
15	All Other	\$0	\$12,500,000
16			
17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$12,500,000

18 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

19 Initiative: Deappropriates funding for the costs attributed to 2 Education Specialist II
 20 positions and 2 Office Associate positions and associated operating costs to support the
 21 coordination of education, treatment and other services for juvenile offenders at youth
 22 development centers in Charleston and South Portland.

23	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
24	All Other	\$0	(\$146,394)
25			
26	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$146,394)

27 **Management Information Systems 0838**

28 Initiative: Appropriates funds to offset the deappropriation of funding for one Office
 29 Associate II position, one Education Specialist III position, one Office Specialist I
 30 Supervisor position and one Public Service Manager III position in the Management
 31 Information Systems program within the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program
 32 at 54.01% of the cost.

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1	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
2	Personal Services	\$0	\$318,317
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	\$318,317
5	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
6	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2007-08	2008-09
7			
8	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$12,500,000
9			
10	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
		\$0	\$12,500,000
11	SECTION TOTALS	2007-08	2008-09
12			
13	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0
14			
15	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<hr/>	<hr/>
16		\$0	\$0

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

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment restores \$11,789,940 of the \$37,266,112 reduction in General
21 Purpose Aid for Local Schools, proposed by Committee Amendment "A."

22 This amendment funds the restoration of the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools
23 program by reducing the state share of employee health insurance premiums from 100%
24 to 86% of the individual premium for state employees and requires the State Employee
25 Health Commission to achieve additional savings in the costs of the state employee and
26 retiree health plan.

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1 This amendment also strikes Part W of Committee Amendment "A," which created
2 new positions and authorized the Commissioner of Education to fund those positions, as
3 well as positions at the Mountain View Youth Development Center and the Long Creek
4 Youth Development Center from the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
6 (See attached)

7 SPONSORED BY: Richard A. Nass

8 (Senator NASS, R.)

9 COUNTY: York



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LR 3445(46)

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Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment " *B* " to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Nass, R. of York

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund appropriations and revenue and a balanced budget is maintained for the 2008-2009 biennium.