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4 STATE OF MAINE
5 SENATE
6 123RD LEGISLATURE
7 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

8 SENATE AMENDMENT "J" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P.
9 1547, L.D. 2173, Bill, "An Act To Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations
10 for the Expenditures of State Government and To Change Certain Provisions of the Law
11 Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending
12 June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009"

13 Amend the amendment in Part C by striking out all of sections 3 to 5.

14 Amend the amendment in Part C by striking out all of sections 17 to 21 and inserting
15 the following:

16 **Sec. C-17. Calculation.** The Commissioner of Education shall, within 30 days of
17 the effective date of this Part, calculate the mill expectation pursuant to the Maine
18 Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15671-A for fiscal year 2008-09 and the total cost of
19 funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2008-09 in
20 accordance with this Part. The commissioner shall submit the information to the Joint
21 Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

22 **Sec. C-18. Transfer of funds from Maine Budget Stabilization Fund.**
23 Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 142, the State Controller shall
24 transfer \$37,266,122 by June 30, 2009 from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the
25 unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

26 **Sec. C-19. Limit of State's obligation.** If the State's continued obligation for
27 any individual component contained in this Part exceeds the level of funding provided for
28 that component, any unexpended balances occurring in other programs may be applied to
29 avoid proration of payments for any individual component. Any unexpended balances
30 from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15671-A, subsection 2, paragraph B
31 may not lapse but must be carried forward for the same purpose.

32 **Sec. C-20. Authorization of payments.** This Part may not be construed to
33 require the State to provide payments that exceed the appropriation of funds for general
34 purpose aid for local schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June
35 30, 2009.'

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

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1 **‘Sec. C-23. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 2 allocations are made.

3 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

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

5 Initiative: Appropriates funding for the state share of General Purpose Aid for Local
 6 Schools and restores the State's contribution to 55% of 100% of Essential Programs and
 7 Services.

8	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
9	All Other	\$0	\$37,266,112
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$37,266,112

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

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This amendment restores cuts in funding for general purpose aid for local schools and
 17 directs that the funding to restore the cuts be transferred from the Maine Budget
 18 Stabilization Fund.

19 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

(See attached)

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 21 **SPONSORED BY:** Jonathan Casper
 22 (Senator COURTNEY)
 23 **COUNTY:** York



123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2173

LR 3445(39)

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

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment " J " to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Courtney 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	\$37,266,122	\$37,266,122
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$37,266,112	\$37,266,122	\$37,266,122
Transfers				
General Fund	\$0	\$37,266,112	\$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.

This amendment restores \$37,266,122 to the General Purpose Aid to Local Schools Program within the Department of Education in order for the State to fund 55% of the total cost of K-12 Public Education beginning in fiscal year 2008-09 and offsets this additional cost with a one-time transfer from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund in fiscal year 2008-09.