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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 487, L.D. 715, Bill, "An Act To Improve Access to Career and Technical Schools"

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

14. Minimum career and technical education transportation adjustment.
Beginning in fiscal year 2014-15 and each subsequent year, a school administrative unit may receive an adjustment for career and technical education transportation costs in accordance with this subsection.

A. A school administrative unit is eligible for the adjustment under this subsection if:

(1) The school administrative unit receives the minimum state allocation pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph B; and

(2) The school administrative unit receives an isolated small school adjustment for a secondary school pursuant to section 15683, subsection 1, paragraph F.

B. The amount of the adjustment under this subsection is equal to the base year actual net transportation costs expended by the school administrative unit for transporting students to and from a career and technical education center or a career and technical education region.

A school administrative unit that is eligible for an adjustment under this subsection shall report to the commissioner in accordance with section 15689-B, subsection 7 its actual transportation costs in each fiscal year for transporting students to and from a career and technical education center or a career and technical education region.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 487, L.D. 715

1 Initiative: Provides funds for the State's share of reimbursing certain isolated small school
2 administrative units for the cost of transporting students to and from a career and
3 technical education center or a career and technical education region beginning in fiscal
4 year 2014-15.

5	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
6	All Other	\$0	\$40,644
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8	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/> \$0	<hr/> \$40,644
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10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that certain isolated
12 small school administrative units are eligible for an adjustment under the school funding
13 formula to reimburse the units for transportation costs expended for transporting students
14 to and from a career and technical education center or a career and technical education
15 region. To be eligible, a unit must receive the minimum state allocation based on the
16 unit's special education costs. The reimbursement is based on actual net costs incurred
17 during the base year under the funding formula. The amendment includes an
18 appropriations and allocations section.

19 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

20 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

**126th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 715****LR 1273(02)****An Act To Improve Access to Career and Technical Schools****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment****Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs****Fiscal Note Required: Yes***A (H-223)*

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$40,644	\$40,644	\$40,644
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$40,644	\$40,644	\$40,644

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$40,644 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education for the State's share of providing certain isolated small school administrative units with an adjustment under the school funding formula for the cost of transporting students to and from a career and technical education center or a career and technical education region beginning in fiscal year 2014-15. The Department estimates the total State and local cost of this provision to be \$73,899 in fiscal year 2014-15. Pursuant to current law, the State's share is 55%, or \$40,644.