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Date: 5/1/17 majority

L.D. 603
(Filing No. H-98)

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 419, L.D. 603, Bill, "An Act To Provide Funding for Preschool Programs"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for start-up grants for expanded access to public preschool programs for children 4 years of age pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 203, subchapter 3.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

Leadership Team Z077

Initiative: Allocates funds for a portion of the costs of one Education Specialist II position to support the administrative and technical requirements associated with providing grants for expanded access to public preschool programs for children 4 years of age.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2017-18	2018-19
Personal Services	\$0	\$23,456
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$23,456</u>

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Provides funds for 2 Education Specialist II positions to support the administrative and technical requirements associated with providing grants for expanded access to public preschool programs for children 4 years of age.

		2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND			
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		0.000	2.000
Personal Services		\$0	\$69,055
All Other		\$0	\$6,381
GENERAL FUND TOTAL		<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$75,436</u>

		2017-18	2018-19
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF			
DEPARTMENT TOTALS			
GENERAL FUND		\$4,000,000	\$4,075,436
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		\$0	\$23,456
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS		<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$4,098,892</u>

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report. The amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 603

LR 1463(02)

An Act To Provide Funding for Preschool Programs

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-98)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$4,000,000	\$4,075,436	\$4,159,141	\$4,164,994
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$4,000,000	\$4,075,436	\$4,159,141	\$4,164,994
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$23,456	\$49,669	\$51,656

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$4.0 million per year beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education to be distributed as start-up grants for expanded access to public preschool programs for children 4 years of age.

The bill also includes a General Fund appropriation of \$75,436 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Learning Systems program within the Department to continue 2 Education Specialist II positions that currently provide administrative and technical support to the public preschool program that was implemented utilizing funds from a federal four-year \$14.8 million Preschool Expansion Grant received by the Department in January of 2015. These positions were established as limited-period positions that will end when the federal grant expires in December of 2018. This bill includes General Fund support for the 2 positions beginning in January of 2019. The General Fund cost to fully fund these positions after that is estimated to be \$159,141 in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$164,994 in fiscal year 2020-21.

This bill includes an Other Special Revenue Funds allocation of \$23,456 in fiscal year 2018-19 to the Leadership Team to support a portion of the cost of one of the 2 Education Specialist II positions that is funded by a transfer from the Child Development Services program.