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**An Act to Expand Funding Sources Within the Public Utilities  
Commission for Intervenor Funding**

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Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered  
printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ZEIGLER of Montville.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §117, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 27, §2, is further  
3 amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

4 (4) To supplement the telecommunications education access fund established  
5 pursuant to section 7104-B; ~~or~~

6 **Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §117, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 27, §2, is further  
7 amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

8 (5) To supplement any other program or fund that the commission determines  
9 would benefit customers affected or potentially affected by the violation; or

10 **Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §117, sub-§3, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 27, §2, is further  
11 amended by enacting a new subparagraph (6) to read:

12 (6) To supplement available funding sources for intervenor funding pursuant to  
13 section 1310-A, subsection 2.

14 **Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §1310-A, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 736, §2, is  
15 amended to read:

16 B. Provide compensation to the intervenor from the Public Utilities Commission  
17 Regulatory Fund established pursuant to section 116, administrative penalties and  
18 filing fees, subject to the commission's determination that funds are available for that  
19 purpose.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill allows administrative penalties collected by the Public Utilities Commission  
22 to be used for intervenor funding.