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STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

131ST LEGISLATURE

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S P 465, LD 1128, "An Act to Address Student Hunger and Nutrition Through Expanded Access to Free Milk in Schools"

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6602-A is enacted to read

§6602-A. Free Milk Fund

1 Fund established. The Free Milk Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established in the department to issue grants to eligible school administrative units to reimburse the cost of providing milk at no cost to students who do not receive a lunch through a school food service program established in section 6602. The fund consists of money received as appropriations, allocations and contributions from public and private sources. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Interest earned by the fund must be credited to the fund. Any unexpended balances remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year do not lapse and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

For the purposes of this section, "eligible school administrative unit" means a school administrative unit that participates in the National School Lunch Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 and that meets federal compliance requirements established by that program.

2. Rules. The department shall adopt routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of the fund.

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

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Free Milk Fund N451

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to SP 465, LD 1128 (5-236)

1 Initiative Provides one-time funds to reimburse school administrative units that participate
2 in the National School Lunch Program and choose to provide milk at no cost to students
3 who do not receive a lunch through a school food service program established in the Maine
4 Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6602

5	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
6	All Other	\$262,500	\$0
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8	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$262,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>

9 **School Finance and Operations Z078**

10 Initiative Provides one-time funds for the staffing and system enhancement costs to
11 upgrade the claim reimbursement system in order to reimburse school administrative units
12 that participate in the National School Lunch Program and choose to provide milk at no
13 cost to students who do not receive a lunch through a school food service program
14 established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6602

15	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
16	Personal Services	\$3,147	\$0
17	All Other	\$20,000	\$0
18			
19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$23,147</u>	<u>\$0</u>

21 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**
22 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

23		2023-24	2024-25
24	GENERAL FUND	\$285,647	\$0
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26	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$285,647</u>	<u>\$0</u>

27
28 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
29 number to read consecutively

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The
32 amendment establishes the Free Milk Fund in the Department of Education, which the
33 department must use to issue grants to eligible school administrative units to reimburse the
34 cost of providing milk at no cost to students who do not receive a lunch through a school
35 food service program. The amendment also removes the emergency preamble and the
36 emergency clause from the bill.

37 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
38 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1128

LR 852(02)

An Act to Address Student Hunger and Nutrition Through Expanded Access to Free Milk in Schools

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-236e)
 Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$285,647	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$285,647	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$262,500 in fiscal year 2023-24 to a newly established Free Milk Fund within the Department of Education to reimburse school administrative units that participate in the National School Lunch Program and choose to provide milk at no cost to a student during the student's lunch regardless of whether that student receives a lunch through that program. According to the Department of Education, this one-time funding is sufficient to reimburse 500 schools for 10 milks per day for each of the 175 school days in one school year. Any unspent funds will carry forward into the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose until all funds are expended. The bill also includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$23,147 in fiscal year 2023-24 to the School Finance and Operations program within the department to support the staffing and system enhancement costs to upgrade the claim reimbursement system.