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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

To: Senator Catherine E. Breen, Senate Chair
Representative Theresa Pierce, House Chair
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

From: Senator Joe Rafferty, Senate Chair
Representative Michael Brennan, House Chair
Members, Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Re: Report back on the Governor's Change Package to LD 221

The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs met to review the budget items pertaining to agencies under our jurisdiction in the Governor's Change Package to LD 221 on Monday, May 24, 2021.

Attached, please find a print out of the relevant initiatives and language parts with notations indicating the committee's majority and minority positions. In addition to the print outs, please find below a summary of the initiatives and recommended amendments that require further information and explanation, as well as a description of a new initiative that the committee recommends the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee consider during your deliberations.

Department of Education

Leadership Team Z077

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The majority of the committee voted to recommended approval of the revised initiative to provide funding for the reorganization of the Public Service Executive position to a Chief Innovation Officer position. The minority of the committee voted to recommend approval of neither the current nor the revised initiative and recommended that funding be provided neither for the reorganization of the Public Service Manger II position to a Chief of Operations position

nor for the reorganization of the Public Service Executive position to a Chief Innovation Officer position.

This initiative provides one-time funding to support retrospective and prospective payments for teachers with national board certification.

The majority of the committee voted to recommend approval of the initiative for both retroactive and prospective salary supplements. The minority voted to recommend approval of the prospective salary supplements but disapproval of retroactive salary supplements.

The committee recommend amending the language at 20-A, §15689-A, sub-§25 to read as follows:

15689-A. Authorization of payment of targeted education funds

25. Community Schools. The commissioner may expend and disburse funds for the establishment of community schools in accordance with the provisions of chapter 333 and may shall apply, when appropriate, for available federal funds in support of community school implementation and expansion”

Maine Community College System – New Initiative

The majority of the committee voted to recommend an initiative to provide funding to support healthcare workforce development programs in the Community College System, including nursing programs.

FY 2021-22
\$2,500,000

FY 2022-23
\$2,500,000

Thank you for your time and consideration of our recommendations. Our committee analyst will work with your committee analyst to provide language to implement any of our recommendations should you choose to move forward with them. We are available to answer any questions that you may have on our recommendations.

Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

Please delete the following as follows:

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES 0449

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Public Service Coordinator II position and increases funding in All Other for services to be provided by Child Development Services.

(1)

GENERAL FUND

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

-1,000

-1,000

Personal Services

(84,617)

(88,690)

All Other

84,617

88,690

Total

0

0

Committee - unanimous approval

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES 0449

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one vacant Public Service Coordinator II position from 75% Child Development Services program, General Fund and 25% Special Services Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Special Services Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund and increases funding in All Other for services to be provided by Child Development Services.

(2)

GENERAL FUND

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

-1,000

-1,000

Personal Services

(84,617)

(88,690)

All Other

84,617

88,690

Total

0

0

Committee: unanimous approval

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

GENERAL PURPOSE AID FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS 0308

(3) Initiative: Increases allocation to align with dedicated revenue as projected by the May 2021 Revenue Forecasting report.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
All Other

Committee: unanimous approval

	2021-22	2022-23
	594,982	951,146
Total	594,982	951,146
	2021-22	2022-23

(4) Initiative: Provides funding to increase the state share percentage of the total cost of public education from kindergarten to grade 12 to 55.00%.
Committee: Majority - approve
Minority - Disapprove

GENERAL FUND
All Other

	74,340,697	109,346,389
Total	74,340,697	109,346,389
	2021-22	2022-23

Initiative: Provides funding for postsecondary course payments in the Aspirations program.

(5) **GENERAL FUND**
All Other

committee: unanimous approval

	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total	1,500,000	1,500,000
	2021-22	2022-23

(6) Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the Maine School of Science and Mathematics for the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL FUND
All Other

committee: unanimous approval

	225,000	
Total	225,000	0

Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

Please amend as follows:

CURRENT

LEADERSHIP TEAM Z077		
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	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganizations of one Public Service Manager III position to a Chief of Operations position and one Public Service Executive II position to a Chief Innovation Officer position.		

(7)

GENERAL FUND		
Personal Services	11,226	11,222
Total	11,226	11,222

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LEADERSHIP TEAM Z077		
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	2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Public Service Executive II position to a Chief Innovation Officer position.		

GENERAL FUND		
Personal Services	5,613	5,611
Total	5,613	5,611

*Committee : Majority - approve revised
 Minority - Disapprove both current & revised*

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

LEADERSHIP TEAM 2077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Senior Planner position to a Public Service Manager II position.

*Committee: Majority - approve
Minority - Disapprove*

	2021-22	2022-23
(8) GENERAL FUND	5,500	9,683
Personal Services		
Total	5,500	9,683
	2021-22	2022-23

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Coordinator II position from the Learning Systems Team program to the Leadership Team program within the same fund.

	2021-22	2022-23
(9) GENERAL FUND	1,000	1,000
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	123,964	130,359
Total	123,964	130,359

Committee: unanimous approval

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

LEARNING SYSTEMS TEAM 2081

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Coordinator II position from the Learning Systems Team program to the Leadership Team program within the same fund.

(10)

GENERAL FUND

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

-1,000

-1,000

(123,964)

(130,359)

Total

(123,964)

(130,359)

committee: unanimous approval

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

LOCAL FOODS PROGRAM Z297

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Transfers one Education Specialist II position and related All Other costs from the School Finance and Operations program to the Local Foods Program. Also transfers All Other funding from the School Finance and Operations program to the Local Foods Program to support the use of local produce in schools.

(11)	GENERAL FUND		
	Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
	Personal Services	75,276	78,766
	All Other	326,000	326,000
	Total	401,276	404,766

committee: unanimous approval

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION SALARY SUPPLEMENTAL FUND Z147

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support salary supplement payments for teachers with national board certifications.

(12)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other

582,051

411,529

Total

582,051

411,529

committee: majority: approve
minority: approve prospective salary supplements
disapprove retroactive salary supplements

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

SCHOOL AND STUDENT SUPPORTS Z270

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Transfers one Juvenile Program Worker position and related All Other costs from the Long Creek Youth Development Center program, Department of Corrections, to the School and Student Supports program, Department of Education.

(13)

GENERAL FUND
Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT
Personal Services
All Other

1,000

1,000

81,707

84,954

10,086

10,409

Total

91,793

95,363

Committee: unanimous approval

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

SCHOOL FINANCE AND OPERATIONS Z078

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Transfers one Education Specialist II position and related All Other costs from the School Finance and Operations program to the Local Foods Program. Also transfers All Other funding from the School Finance and Operations program to the Local Foods Program to support the use of local produce in schools.

(14)

GENERAL FUND

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

-1,000

-1,000

Personal Services

(75,276)

(78,766)

All Other

(326,000)

(326,000)

Total

(401,276)

(404,766)

Committee: unanimous approval

Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

Please amend as follows:

CURRENT

SPECIAL SERVICES TEAM Z080			
		2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Manager II position from 30% Federal Expenditures Fund and 70% General Fund to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.			
GENERAL FUND			
	Personal Services	(99,555)	(100,104)
	Total	(99,555)	(100,104)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			
	Personal Services	99,555	100,104
	All Other	3,654	3,808
	Total	103,209	103,912

(15)

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SPECIAL SERVICES TEAM Z080			
		2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Executive II position from 30% Federal Expenditures Fund and 70% General Fund to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.			
GENERAL FUND			
	Personal Services	(99,555)	(100,104)
	Total	(99,555)	(100,104)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			
	Personal Services	99,555	100,104
	All Other	3,674	3,674
	Total	103,209	103,778

Committee: unanimous approval

Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

Please delete the following as follows:

SPECIAL SERVICES TEAM 2080

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Public Service Coordinator II position and increases funding in All Other for services to be provided by Child Development Services.

(16)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Personal Services

(26,204)

(29,563)

All Other

28,204

29,563

Total

0

0

Committee: unanimous approval

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Education, Department of

SPECIAL SERVICES TEAM Z080

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one vacant Public Service Coordinator II position from 75% Child Development Services program, General Fund and 25% Special Services Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Special Services Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund and increases funding in All Other for services to be provided by Child Development Services.

(17)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Positions - LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services

All Other

1,000

1,000

84,617

88,690

3,106

3,255

Total

87,723

91,945

committee: unanimous approval

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Library, Maine State

MAINE STATE LIBRARY 0217

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Provides funding for approved reorganization for one Librarian III position to a Librarian Specialized Services position.

(18)

GENERAL FUND
Personal Services

6,016

6,015

Total

6,016

6,015

committee: unanimous approval

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Maritime Academy, Maine

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP FUND - CASINO Z167	2021-22	2022-23
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Initiative: Provides funding for scholarships due to a projected increase in dedicated revenues from slot machine proceeds from the May 1, 2021 Revenue Forecast Committee report.

(19)	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
	All Other	7,755	11,013
	Total	7,755	11,013

committee : unanimous approval

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Maritime Academy, Maine

MARITIME ACADEMY - OPERATIONS 0035

2021-22 2022-23

Initiative: Provides additional funding above current appropriation levels to cover salary adjustments and other annual inflationary increases at Maine Maritime Academy.

(20)	GENERAL FUND All Other	<i>committee : majority: approve minority: disapprove</i>	274,924	558,096
			Total	558,096

2021-22 2022-23

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for repairs to Curtis Hall.

(21)	GENERAL FUND All Other	<i>committee : majority: approve minority: disapprove</i>	18,000,000	
			Total	0

Please AMEND Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Museum, Maine State

Please delete the following as follows:

MAINE STATE MUSEUM 0180

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Reorganizes one Museum Specialist III position to a Museum Specialist II position and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the reorganization. This action is pending the department's filing of the request with the Bureau of Human Resources.

(22)

GENERAL FUND
Personal Services

committee: unanimous approval

(13,440)

(14,018)

Total

(13,440)

(14,018)

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Museum, Maine State

MAINE STATE MUSEUM 0180		2021-22	2022-23
Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Museum Specialist III position to a Museum Specialist II position.			
(23)	GENERAL FUND Personal Services		
	<i>committee: unanimous approval</i>	(13,440)	(14,018)
	Total	(13,440)	(14,018)
Initiative: Provides one-time funding for new museum exhibits.			
(24)	GENERAL FUND All Other Capital Expenditures		
	<i>committee: majority - approve minority - disapprove</i>	145,000	
		55,000	675,000
	Total	200,000	675,000

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Community College System, Maine

MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM - BOARD OF TRUSTEES 0566

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Provides additional funding above current appropriation levels to cover salary adjustments and other annual inflationary increases at Maine's seven community colleges.

GENERAL FUND
All Other

Committee: majority - approve
minority - disapprove

2,147,549

4,359,524

Total

2,147,549

4,359,524

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Provides funding for scholarships due to a projected increase in dedicated revenues from slot machine proceeds from the May 1, 2021 Revenue Forecast Committee report.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
All Other

Committee: unanimous approval

118,302

172,042

Total

118,302

172,042

new initiative (majority approve / minority disapprove)

Initiative: Provides funding to support healthcare workforce development, including to support nursing programs

General Fund
all other

2021-22

\$2,500,000

\$2,500,000

2022-23

\$2,500,000

\$2,500,000

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

University of Maine System, Board of Trustees of the

EDUCATIONAL & GENERAL ACTIVITIES - UMS 0031

2021-22

2022-23

Initiative: Provides additional funding for annual inflationary cost increases associated with continuation of current University of Maine System operations as well as additional operational costs at the University of Maine School of Law and the Pest Management Unit within the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Diagnostic and Research Laboratory.

(27)

GENERAL FUND

All Other

*committee: majority - approve
minority - disapprove*

7,693,342

14,064,984

Total

7,693,342

14,064,984

Please ADD the following to Part A, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

University of Maine System, Board of Trustees of the

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOLARSHIP FUND Z011	2021-22	2022-23
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Initiative: Provides funding for scholarships due to a projected increase in dedicated revenues from slot machine proceeds from the May 1, 2021 Revenue Forecast Committee report.

(25)	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	180,014	254,486
	All Other		
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		Total	180,014 254,486

Committee: unanimous approval

Please ADD the following to Part B, Section 1 of LD 221 as follows:

Library, Maine State

MAINE STATE LIBRARY 0217

	2021-22	2022-23
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
(29) Personal Services	16,781	17,381
All Other	(16,781)	(17,381)
Total	0	0

Committee: unanimous approval

Amend LD 221 Part C by deleting the current Part and replacing with the following:

PART C

(30)

Sec. C-1. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§7, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021 c. 29, Pt. C, §1 is further amended by amending subparagraph (17) to read:

(17) For fiscal year 2021-22, the target is ~~51.83%~~ 55.00%.

Sec. C-2. 20-A MRSA §15671-A, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 29, Pt. C, §2 is further amended by amending subparagraph (14) to read:

(14) For the 2021 property tax and subsequent tax years, the full value education mill rate is the amount necessary to result in a ~~48.17~~ 45% statewide total local share in fiscal year 2021-2022 and after.

Sec. C-3. 20-A MRSA §15671-A, sub-§2, ¶B, paragraph (15) as amended by PL 2021, c. 29, Pt. C, §2 is repealed.

Sec. C-4. Mill expectation. The mill expectation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15671-A for fiscal year 2021-22, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 29, Pt C, §5 is amended to read as follows: ~~7.90~~ 7.26

Sec. C-5. Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. The total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2021-22, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 29, Pt. C, §6 is amended to read as follows:

	2021-22 TOTAL
Total Operating Allocation	
Total operating allocation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683	\$1,506,633,588
Total adjustments to state subsidy pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689 included in subsidizable costs and total other subsidizable costs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15681-A	\$575,975,183

Total Operating Allocation and Subsidizable Costs

Total operating allocation pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15683 and total other subsidizable costs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15681-A \$2,082,608,771

Total Debt Service Allocation

Total debt service allocation pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15683-A \$103,528,810

Total Adjustments and Targeted Education Funds

Audit adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 4 \$225,000

Educating students in long-term drug treatment center adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 5 \$500,000

Minimum teacher salary adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 7-A \$1,576,272

Regionalization, consolidation, and efficiency assistance adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 9 \$6,056,993

Maine Care seed payments adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 14 \$1,334,776

Total adjustments to the state share of total allocation pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689 \$9,693,041

Targeted Education Funds pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A

Special education costs for state agency clients and state wards pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 1 \$33,737,998

Essential programs and services components contract pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 3		\$250,000
Data management and support services for essential programs and services pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 10		\$9,550,629
Postsecondary course payments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 11	\$4,000,000	<u>\$5,500,000</u>
National board certification salary supplement pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 12		\$307,551
Learning through technology program pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 12-A		\$14,000,000
Jobs for Maine's Graduates including college pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 13		\$3,545,379
Maine School of Science and Mathematics pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 14	\$3,615,347	<u>\$3,840,347</u>
Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 15		\$8,712,565
Transportation administration pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 16		\$416,764
Special education for juvenile offenders pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 17		\$401,650
Comprehensive early college programs funding (bridge year program) pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 23		\$1,000,000
Community schools pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 25		\$200,000
Maine School for Marine Science, Technology,		\$195,610

Transportation and Engineering pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 26

Instruments and Professional Development in rural schools pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 28 \$50,000

Total targeted education funds pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A \$79,983,493 \$81,708,493

Enhancing student performance and opportunity pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A and section 15672, subsection 1-D

Career and technical education costs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 1 \$58,543,648

College transitions programs through adult education college readiness programs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 2 \$450,000

National industry standards for career and technical education pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A, subsection 6 \$2,000,000

Total enhancing student performance and opportunity pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15688-A and section 15672, subsection 1-D \$60,993,648

Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12

Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year pursuant to Title 20-A, chapter 606-B, not including normal retirement costs ~~\$2,336,807,763~~ \$2,338,532,763

Total normal cost of teacher retirement \$48,878,211

unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, teacher retirement health insurance and teacher retirement life insurance for fiscal year 2021-22 pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423 excluding the normal cost of teacher retirement

\$244,247,289

State contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 plus state contribution to the total cost of unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, teacher retirement health insurance and teacher retirement life insurance pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423

\$1,480,662,646
\$1,557,323,325

Sec. C-7. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§25, as amended by PL 2019, c. 434, §2 is further amended to read:

15689-A. Authorization of payment of targeted education funds

25. The commissioner may expend and disburse funds for the establishment of community schools in accordance with the provisions of chapter 333 and ~~shall~~may apply for available federal funds in support of community school implementation and expansion.

Committee suggested language

PART C

change: "The commissioner may expend and disburse funds for the establishment

SUMMARY *of community schools in accordance with the provisions of chapter 333 and shall apply, when appropriate, for available federal funds in support of*

This Part does the following:

1. It amends the state contribution, the annual target state share percentage, and the mill expectation for the local contribution for fiscal year 2021-2022.
2. It replaces the shall to may apply for available federal funds in support of community school implementation and expansion.
3. It adds one-time funding in the amount of \$225,000 to the funding for Maine School of Science and Mathematics to provide one-time relief for the impacts of the pandemic.
4. It adds \$1,500,000 to the funding for post-secondary course payments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 11.

Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year pursuant to Title 20-A, chapter 606-B, including normal retirement costs \$2,385,685,974 \$2,387,410,974

Total cost of state contribution to unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, retired teacher health insurance and retired teacher life insurance for fiscal year 2021-22 pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423, excluding the normal cost of teacher retirement \$244,247,289

Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, plus state contributions to the unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, retired teacher health insurance and retired teacher life insurance for fiscal year 2021-22 pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423 \$2,629,933,263 \$2,631,658,263

Sec. C-6. Local and state contributions to total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. The local contribution and the state contribution appropriation provided for general purpose aid for local schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022 as enacted by PL 2021, c. 29, Pt. C, §6 is further amended to be calculated as follows:

	2021-22 LOCAL	2021-22 STATE
Local and State Contributions to the Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12		
Local and state contributions to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683, subject to statewide distributions required by law	\$1,149,270,617 <u>\$1,074,334,938</u>	\$1,236,415,357 <u>\$1,313,076,036</u>

State contribution to the total cost of

Amend LD 221 Part EE by deleting the current Part and replacing with the following:

PART EE

(31)
Sec. EE-1. Transfer to the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund. On or before June 30, 2021, the State Controller shall transfer \$582,051 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Education, National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund, Other Special Revenue Fund account for the purpose of funding salary supplement payments for teachers with national board certifications in accordance with Title 20-A §13013-A.

Sec. EE-2. Transfer to the National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund. On or before June 30, 2022, the State Controller shall transfer \$411,529 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Education, National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund, Other Special Revenue Fund account for the purpose of funding salary supplement payments for teachers with national board certifications in accordance with Title 20-A §13013-A.

**PART EE
SUMMARY**

This Part transfers funding to the National Board Certification Salary Supplemental Fund in the amount of \$582,051 in FY22 and \$411,529 in FY23 to provide one-time additional funding to support salary supplement payments for teachers with national board certifications in accordance with Title 20-A §13013-A.

committee = unanimous approval

Amend LD 221 Part GG by deleting the current Part and replacing with the following:

PART GG

(32)

Sec. GG-1. Transfer to School Revolving Renovation Fund; Maine Municipal Bond Bank. On or before June 30, 2021, the State Controller shall transfer \$50,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the School Revolving Renovation Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6006-F.

**PART GG
SUMMARY**

This Part transfers \$50,000,000 to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the School Revolving Renovation Fund.

*Committee: majority - approve
minority - disapprove*

Amend LD 221 Part HH by deleting the current Part and replacing with the following:

PART HH

(33)
Sec. HH-1. 20-A MRS §6556 is enacted as follows:

1. **Maine School Safety Center.** The Maine School Safety Center is established to assure the overall safety of Maine's Schools, to the highest degree possible, providing an environment that allows students, staff, parents and visitors to feel welcomed, safe and secure thereby providing the environment to grow, thrive and succeed by developing a safe school infrastructure that will deliver high quality, up-to-date best practices, procedures, training and technical assistance.

**PART HH
SUMMARY**

This Part adds the Maine School Safety Center to statute.

committee majority - approve
minority - disapprove

Amend LD 221 by adding the following Part:

PART XXX

Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §11614, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 642, §3, is further amended to read:

(34)

2. **Minimum amount.** It is the intent of the Legislature that grants awarded under this chapter, except as provided in subsections 4, 5 and 6, may not be less than \$1,000, except that grants awarded under this chapter, except as provided in subsections 4, 5 and 6, may not be less than \$2,500 if sufficient funds are appropriated for this purpose. The authority may establish by rule increased grant amounts for students attending their 2nd, 3rd and 4th years, or the equivalents thereof, at institutions of higher education. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

**PART XXX
SUMMARY**

This Part amends the law to specify that the minimum grant amount under the Maine State Grant Program within the Finance Authority of Maine may not be less than \$2,500 if sufficient funds are appropriated for that purpose.

Committee: majority - approve
minority - disapprove