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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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MEMO TO: Sen. Bill Diamond, Senate Chair
Rep. Emily Cain, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations & Financial Affairs

FROM: Sen. Justin L. Alfond, Senate Chair *JA*
Rep. Patricia B. Sutherland, House Chair *PS*
Joint Standing Committee on Education & Cultural Affairs

SUBJ: EDU Report on LD 45, Governor's Supplemental Budget for FY 2008-09

Please find enclosed the report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pertaining to the Governor's proposed initiatives contained in LD 45, the supplemental budget bill for FY 2008-09. Our report includes recommendations regarding the budget initiatives and related "language" provisions proposed in the Governor's "change package" to LD 45 that affect funding for kindergarten to grade 12 education, postsecondary education, and the cultural affairs agencies.

On behalf of the members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, we thank you for your consideration of our recommendations on the Governor's supplemental budget initiatives for FY 2008-09. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss these recommendations as you continue your deliberations on LD 2173.

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Attachment: **Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Report on LD 45,
Parts A, B, C, M, and U**

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON GOVERNOR'S LD 45 "SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET" INITIATIVES

Recommendation #1: "Part A and Part B" Initiatives. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, by a 13-0 vote, reluctantly recommends adoption of the proposed Governor's supplemental budget initiatives for **nearly all** of the education and cultural affairs programs within our jurisdiction for FY 2008-09. This unanimous report recommends adoption of the initiatives related to kindergarten to grade 12 education, postsecondary education, and the cultural affairs agencies **except for** the following programs which are addressed in separate recommendations below: (1) General Purpose Aid for Local Schools ("GPA" in Part A and Part C); (2) Adult Education; (3) the Maine Arts Commission; and (4) the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation.

State funding is critical for our State, our citizens, and our future economic development. We are deeply concerned about the impact of these funding reductions on the educational programs offered to Maine citizens, as well as to the implications of these curtailments on the capacity of our education and training programs to provide services to Mainers who desperately need access to workforce development and occupational training in these uncertain economic times.

Recommendation #2: "Parts A and C" Initiatives for GPA in FY 09. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, by an 11-2 vote, reluctantly recommends adoption of the proposed curtailment of \$27,046,649 in Part A and the Part C language initiatives for the distribution of state subsidy through the GPA program in FY 09.

Recommendation #3: "Part A" Adult Education Initiatives. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, by a 13-0 vote, recommends adoption of the proposed curtailments to the Adult Education program.

While we reluctantly accept this reductions, we respectfully request that the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee make every effort to restore the \$229,229 in State funds curtailed from the Adult Education program so that there will be no loss in federal "matching funds" available for these programs.

Recommendation #4: "Part A" Maine Arts Commission Initiatives. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, by a 13-0 vote, recommends adoption of the proposed curtailments to the Maine Arts Commission programs.

The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee reluctantly accepts the funding reductions to the cultural agencies. Every time the directors of the cultural agencies come before our committee, we are reminded of the tremendous contribution these agencies make to life in Maine. Their programs enrich the lives of people in every part of the state and expose children to the arts in places where opportunities are few. Through the Maine State Library, the availability of books and other print and audio media is expanded far beyond the resources of a municipal library and to those who are not able to access a local library.

The State General Fund appropriations that the cultural agencies receive leverage federal funds and private grant monies that have allowed these agencies to continue historic preservation efforts and offering innovative events and fresh exhibits. In tight budget times it is extremely important that the State optimize the judicious use of federal and private funds.

The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee is extremely concerned with one aspect of the hiring freeze established by the Governor. Freezing federally-funded positions is the antithesis of what we should be doing. We join voices with members of the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee and others who have expressed bewilderment over the freezing of positions with outside revenue sources.

The Maine Arts Commission has two federally-funded positions that remain vacant because of the Governor's hiring freeze – an Assistant Director position and a secretarial position. Revenue to fully fund these positions is deposited in a state controlled account, waiting for the Arts Commission to get permission to hire. These positions do not appear in LD 45. They are not being eliminated. However, we implore the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee to address the issue of federally-funded positions remaining vacant and wield whatever power you may have to allow the Maine Arts Commission to fill these positions.

Recommendation #5: Part M, Maine State Museum Store. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, by an 13-0 vote, recommends adoption of the proposed “language” initiative in Part M regarding transfer of \$10,000 from Other Special Revenue Funds in the Maine State Museum to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Recommendation #6: Part U, Teacher Certification. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, by a 13-0 vote, recommends adoption of the initiative to accelerate the renewal notices provided to the holders of provisional teaching certificates. We applaud this creative initiative that could yield \$50,000 in General Fund revenues in FY 2008-09.

Recommendation #7: “Part A” Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation “MPBC”. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, by a 13-0 vote, respectfully requests that no action be taken – at this time – on the proposed initiative to curtail funding for the MPBC. We ask for additional time to report our recommendation to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee since we expect to receive further information on the impact of this curtailment on the capacity of the MPBC to ensure the transmission of public broadcasting programs to all parts of the State.

We thank you for your consideration of our recommendations related to the Governor's Supplemental Budget bill. The Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, or our Budget Subcommittee, remains available to address any questions or concerns that the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee may have regarding our report. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to discuss these recommendations as you continue your deliberations on LD 45.

Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ARTS COMMISSION, MAINE

Arts - Administration 0178

Initiative: Reduces funding for a contract for support of MaineArts.com. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 165 - P16

Committee Vote: OTP* 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$15,554)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$15,554)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Reduces funding by a reduction of interactive web services to the field.

Arts - Administration 0178

Initiative: Reduces funding for publications productions. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 166 - P16

Committee Vote: OTP* 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$12,825)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$12,825)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Reduces funding by reducing communication to the field regarding Maine Arts Commission programs and other critical field-related information.

Arts - Administration 0178

Initiative: Reduces funding for operating expenses. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 167 - P16

Committee Vote: OTP* 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$2,000)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$2,000)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Reduces funding by reducing the number of meetings and events that commission and committee members can attend for the remainder of fiscal year 2008-09.

Arts - Administration 0178

Initiative: Reduces funding for Arts Visibility grants. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 168 - P17

Committee Vote: OTP* 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Realizes one-time savings by reducing General Fund support for 7 Arts Visibility grants. The Federal Expenditures Fund will be used to continue support of these efforts.

Arts - Administration 0178

Initiative: Reduces funding by eliminating the funding for the grant to the New England Consortium of Artist-Educator Professionals. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 169 - P17

Committee Vote: OTP* 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$1,000)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,000)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Reduces funding by a reduction in support of professional development network for regional arts in education.

ARTS COMMISSION, MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$41,379)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$41,379)	\$0	\$0

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE

Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556

Initiative: Reduces funding to bring allocations into line with projected available resources based on the reprojections of racino revenue by the Revenue Forecasting Committee in December 2008.

Ref. #: 667 - P19

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0

AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$163,330)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$163,330)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The Revenue Forecasting Committee in its December 2008 report re-projected racino revenues downward. This initiative reduces the allocation to bring into line with projected available resources.

Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556

Initiative: Reduces funding from the system-wide curtailment of spending. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 668 - P19

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0

AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$2,928,354)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$2,928,354)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

In accordance with your November 5, 2008 request, the Maine Community College System has evaluated its operations to determine the impact of a 5.3% curtailment in funding for FY09. In making this assessment, the MCCS has worked aggressively to limit the impact on academic program delivery, recognizing that many Maine citizens are turning to the state's community colleges to gain the skills they need to keep and find work in this difficult economic environment. It is also important to note that our colleges are faced with legal and moral obligations that significantly restrict our ability to cut in certain areas. For instance, our accrediting body requires that once students are matriculated into a program we offer the courses necessary for them to complete that program. In addition, 94% of our employees are covered under collective bargaining agreements that require employee notification periods that reduce savings from reductions in force. Therefore, to meet the 5.3% target we will need to take the following actions: 12 support positions will be laid off. 20 vacancies will remain unfilled (15 support positions and 5 faculty positions). No academic programs have been suspended. 1 Maine Quality Center project and 30 Early College for ME course scholarships will go unfunded. MCCS is examining funding alternatives to sustain these efforts. Energy efficiency efforts and reduced energy costs will help save approximately \$300,000. The suspension of non-essential capital projects will save approximately \$540,000. In addition every college in the System, including the Center for Career Development and the System Office, will restrict travel, professional development, marketing, supplies, professional services, and scholarships.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$2,928,354)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$163,330)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$3,091,684)	\$0	\$0

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL, MAINE STATE

New Century Program Fund 0904

Initiative: Reduces funding for grants distributed under the New Century Program. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 312 - P42

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$3,840)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$3,840)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Fewer grant funds will be distributed under the New Century Program.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL, MAINE STATE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$3,840)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$3,840)	\$0	\$0

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Adult Education 0364

Initiative: Reduces funding for local program state subsidy. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 353 - P52

Committee Vote: OTP* 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$278,789)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$278,789)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

To meet funding reductions associated with the Governor's FY 2008-09 Curtailment Financial Order due to a major downward re-projection of General Fund Revenues. These reductions will require reductions at the local program level or an increase in local effort.

Adult Education 0364

Initiative: Reduces funding for college transition program sites and administrative costs of the contract for technical assistance to college transition sites and reduces support for literacy volunteers. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 354 - P52

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$48,440)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$48,440)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

To meet funding reductions associated with the Governor's FY 2008-09 Curtailment Financial Order due to a major downward re-projection of General Fund Revenues.

After-school Program Fund Z023

Initiative: Reduces funding in the After-school Program. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 355 - P53

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$1,302)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,302)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

To meet funding reductions associated with the Governor's FY 2008-09 Curtailment Financial Order due to a major downward re-projection of General Fund Revenues. The program will continue to be funded by federal 21st Century Grant funds as well.

Education in Unorganized Territory 0220

Initiative: Adjusts funding for anticipated changes in heating fuel costs.

Ref. #: 356 - P53

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$64,087	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$64,087	\$0	\$0

Justification:

There has been an unanticipated increase in heating fuel costs that have been locked in for the season.

Education in Unorganized Territory 0220

Initiative: Transfers funding from the Personal Services line category to the All Other and Capital Expenditures line categories for anticipated increases in vehicle fuel costs, replacement of school transportation equipment costs and unpaid tuition bills that were carried forward from fiscal year 2007-08 and to cover the projected increase in tuition costs for students from unorganized territories who are attending school in receiving school administrative units.

Ref. #: 357 - P53

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	(\$650,000)	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$450,463	\$0	\$0
Capital Expenditures	\$135,450	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$64,087)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The commissioner of the Department of Education is required to pay tuition for each tuition student in the amount approved as the receiving administrative unit's official tuition cost pursuant to 20 MRSA, section 5804 or 7302. The Appropriation in All Other for fiscal year 2007-08 was insufficient to cover the total cost for tuition resulting in tuition bills being carried over for payment in fiscal year 2008-09. In addition, the department projects that additional funding will be required in fiscal year 2008-09 to cover the projected increase in tuition costs due to higher tuition rates. Vehicle diesel costs have been estimated to increase. To Increase capital expenditures to purchase two replacement buses to transport EUT students. Personal Services savings are available from unspent Personal Services funds in the prior year to cover these additional tuition costs in fiscal year 2008-09.

FHM - School Breakfast Program Z068

Initiative: Provides funding for the Office of Information Technology fees related to data software upgrades associated with the increased number of school breakfasts.

Ref. #: 358 - P53

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$11,000	\$0	\$0
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$11,000	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The final OIT fee for upgrading the data software for increased number of school breakfast was \$11,000.00 higher than original quote.

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Reduces funding for fiscal year 2008-09 baseline funding. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 359 - P54

Committee Vote: OTP - 11
ONTP - 2 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$27,046,649)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$27,046,649)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

To meet funding reductions associated with the Governor's FY 2008-09 Curtailment Financial Order due to a major downward re-projection of General Fund revenues. The Department will reduce GPA payments to public schools over the remainder of the current fiscal year.

Leadership 0836

Initiative: Provides funding for grants and private contributions received from various sources other than the Federal Government.

Ref. #: 360 - P54

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$825,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$825,000	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The Department of Education periodically receives grants from various sources other than the federal government. These grants are received and expended from this Private Contributions/Grants account. This initiative provides legislative allocation for this purpose.

Leadership 0836

Initiative: Reduces funding for general operating costs of the Commissioner of Education's leadership team. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 361 - P54

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$3,942)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$3,942)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

To meet funding reductions associated with the Governor's FY 2008-09 Curtailment Financial Order due to a major downward re-projection of General Fund Revenues.

Learning Systems 0839

Initiative: Reduces funding for photocopying, general operations and office supplies and eliminates support for the Maine Principals' Academy. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 362 - P54

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$4,914)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$4,914)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

To meet funding reductions associated with the Governor's FY 2008-09 Curtailment Financial Order due to a major downward re-projection of General Fund Revenues.

Learning Systems 0839

Initiative: Reduces funding for contractual services for special education due process complaint investigations and for the assessment contract by eliminating the writing assessment for one year. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 363 - P55

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$426,424)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$426,424)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

To meet funding reductions associated with the Governor's FY 2008-09 Curtailment Financial Order due to a major downward re-projection of General Fund Revenues. The Department will achieve these savings by increasing its own complaint investigations by staff assignment and by not administering the writing assessment for one year.

Learning Through Technology Z029

Initiative: Provides funding to correct a negative appropriation balance in the Learning Through Technology program.

Ref. #: 364 - P55

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$3,446	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,446	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Budget initiatives in the last session inadvertently left a negative appropriation balance in FY 2008-09. This initiative corrects the negative balance.

Management Information Systems 0838

Initiative: Reduces funding to local regional planning committees forming regional school units. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 365 - P55

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$128,589)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$128,589)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

To meet funding reductions associated with the Governor's FY 2008-09 Curtailment Financial Order due to a major downward re-projection of General Fund Revenues. Technical support from the Department's reorganization team will continue to be available.

Preschool Handicapped 0449

Initiative: Eliminates one Secretary position. Savings will be used to offset collective bargaining costs in fiscal year 2008-09.

Ref. #: 366 - P55

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	0.000	0.000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

Regional Services 0840

Initiative: Reduces funding that supports a Coordinator position for the National Assessment of Educational Process. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 367 - P56

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$7,400)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$7,400)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

To meet funding reductions associated with the Governor's FY 2008-09 Curtailment Financial Order due to a major downward re-projection of General Fund Revenues. All Other support for the Coordinator position will be shifted to the federal expenditure fund.

Regional Services 0840

Initiative: Reduces funding from salary savings of one Regional Representative position. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 368 - P56

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	(\$30,000)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$30,000)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

To meet funding reductions associated with the Governor's FY 2008-09 Curtailment Financial Order due to a major downward re-projection of General Fund Revenues. Position 014000211 will be left vacant from January 2009 through the end of the fiscal year.

Regional Services 0840

Initiative: Reduces funding for travel, general operating costs, photocopying and office supplies that support the Regional Representative positions. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 369 - P56

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$10,200)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$10,200)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

To meet funding reductions associated with the Governor's FY 2008-09 Curtailment Financial Order due to a major downward re-projection of General Fund Revenues.

Teacher Retirement 0170

Initiative: Adjusts funding to partially offset a deappropriation to Teacher Retirement in Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part T. The State Controller, after consultation with the Treasurer of State, determined that there was not sufficient cash flow to pay the entire amount due to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System in fiscal year 2008-09 on or before July 15, 2008.

Ref. #: 370 - P56

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	\$5,032,325	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,032,325	\$0	\$0

Justification:

PL 2007 c. 240 Part T-3 deappropriated \$6,794,723 from Teacher Retirement under the assumption that there would be sufficient cash flow in the General Fund to pay the entire amount due to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System (MPERS) on or before July 15, 2008. The State Controller has determined that there is not sufficient cash flow, but that the State may pay the entire amount due to MPERS each quarter at the start of each quarter. As a result, the deappropriation must be offset by \$5,032,325 in order to reduce the amount of savings to \$1,762,398.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$22,950,878)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$11,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$825,000	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$22,114,878)	\$0	\$0

EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF

State Board of Education 0614

Initiative: Reduces funding for consulting services contracts, general operating costs, rents and technology. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 352 - P57

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$7,769)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$7,769)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

To meet funding reductions associated with the Governor's FY 2008-09 Curtailment Financial Order due to a major downward re-projection of General Fund Revenue.

EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$7,769)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$7,769)	\$0	\$0

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Student Financial Assistance Programs 0653

Initiative: Reduces funding for Maine State Grant Program awards. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 418 - P68

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$686,565)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$686,565)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

This reduction will decrease Maine State Grant program awards for all full-time students funded in fiscal year 2008-09 for the current academic year. This will result in an approximate award reduction of \$60 per student for an estimated 13,000 students, 67% of whom attend a University of Maine System college or the Maine Community College System.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$686,565)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$686,565)	\$0	\$0

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MAINE

Historic Preservation Commission 0036

Initiative: Reduces funding from savings through the management of position vacancies. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 420 - P99 Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	(\$7,201)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$7,201)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The imposition of stricter constraints on hiring will result in one-time savings in the current fiscal year.

Historic Preservation Commission 0036

Initiative: Reduces funding for operating expenses and office supplies. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 421 - P100 Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$8,298)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$8,298)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Reduces funding for operating expenses and office supplies.

Historic Preservation Commission 0036

Initiative: Eliminates 4 seasonal Museum Technician I positions. Savings will be used to offset collective bargaining costs in fiscal year 2008-09.

Ref. #: 422 - P100 Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(2,000)	0.000	0.000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MAINE

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
DEPARTMENT TOTALS			
GENERAL FUND	(\$15,499)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>(\$15,499)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MAINE

Historical Society 0037

Initiative: Reduces funding for grant expenditures. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 423 - P100

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND			
All Other	(\$2,782)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$2,782)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Justification:

This reduction will affect the Maine Historical Society's ability to support education and outreach programs in southern Maine schools, including museum, historic site, library research, as well as the statewide online digital museum and archive.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MAINE

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
DEPARTMENT TOTALS			
GENERAL FUND	(\$2,782)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>(\$2,782)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

HUMANITIES COUNCIL, MAINE

Humanities Council 0942

Initiative: Reduces funding for matching grants to community organizations to provide public programs in community history, literature and literacy and other humanities areas. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 535 - P103

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND			
All Other	(\$3,309)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$3,309)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Justification:

This initiative will reduce the number of grants by no more than 3 available to provide programming in grassroots organizations around Maine.

HUMANITIES COUNCIL, MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$3,309)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$3,309)	\$0	\$0

LIBRARY, MAINE STATE

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: Eliminates one Customer Representative Assistant II position. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 606 - P121

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	(\$36,260)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$36,260)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The elimination of one Customer Representative Assistant II (Interlibrary Loan) position will impact the Maine State Library's ability to meet patrons' needs as they come to the library from other libraries and for citizens who live in areas without libraries.

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: Eliminates one Librarian Section Supervisor position. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 607 - P121

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	(\$67,733)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$67,733)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

This position supervises ordering, cataloging, and circulation preparation for all materials in the Maine State Library's collection. These duties will have to be divided among other staff members.

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: Eliminates one Statistician I position. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 608 - P122

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	(\$55,474)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$55,474)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

State library agencies are required to submit federal data reports to the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: Reduces funding for book collection expenditures. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 609 - P122

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$8,424)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$8,424)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Reduces funding for book collection expenditures.

Statewide Library Information System 0185

Initiative: Reduces funding for online databases. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 610 - P122

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$25,000)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$25,000)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

A reduction to funding for online databases which will reduce the Maine State Library's ability to keep up with inflationary costs of databases, which will force the library to drop one database.

LIBRARY, MAINE STATE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$192,891)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$192,891)	\$0	\$0

MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE

Maritime Academy - Operations 0035

Initiative: Reduces funding from an institution-wide curtailment of spending. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 628 - P127

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$476,374)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$476,374)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

In anticipation of the impending budget limitations for the 2010/2011 biennium, Maine Maritime Academy has already begun an institution-wide curtailment of all non-essential spending in the areas not directly affecting academic quality and student health and safety. In view of the proposed reduction to the current level of General Fund support almost halfway into the fiscal year, it is clear to us that currently-filled positions also need to be carefully evaluated for elimination if we are to meet the expected reduction target. Our focus will continue to be on those areas having less immediate direct impact on our students. Given provisions of our collective bargaining agreements relating to layoffs and severance -pay requirements, we will need to act within the next several weeks in order to accrue meaningful savings during this fiscal year. At this time, our best estimate would be that between seven and twelve positions might be impacted - about 5% of the total employment level at the beginning of this fiscal year. Until the review of possible position eliminations is completed it is not possible to state with certainty what the overall impact will be on an institution-wide basis. As a result of not filling recent vacancies we do know that campus computing, security and custodial services have not been maintained at previous levels. In the longer term, it is inevitable that deferred maintenance backlogs will increase and academic and student-related needs will not be able to be addressed in the manner in which they have been in the past. Adjustments in non-General Fund revenue sources such as tuitions and fees will need to be carefully considered by our Board of Trustees if academic program quality is to be maintained at acceptable levels.

MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$476,374)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$476,374)	\$0	\$0

MUSEUM, MAINE STATE

Maine State Museum 0180

Initiative: Eliminates 2 part-time Museum Technician I positions. These positions will end on March 7, 2009. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 630 - P128 Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	(\$9,934)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$9,934)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

Eliminating 2 part-time Museum Technician I (Exhibit Preparator) positions will reduce the Maine State Museum's ability by 1/3rd, from 3 full-time equivalent positions to 2, for the maintenance and construction of museum exhibits, and internal maintenance and improvement of the museum's 4 collections facilities and several lab spaces. This will also adversely impact the State House and Blaine House, where museum staff will have less time to carry out maintenance and exhibit responsibilities.

Maine State Museum 0180

Initiative: Reduces funding for operating expenses as a result of reducing personnel and decreasing funds available for the purchase of exhibit maintenance, construction and office supplies. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 631 - P128 Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$26,599)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$26,599)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

With this reduction in the museum's funds, no expenditures other than technology, photocopier, minimal office supplies and leases will be made.

Maine State Museum 0180

Initiative: Eliminates one part-time Office Associate II position. This position will end on March 7, 2009.

Ref. #: 632 - P128 Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(0.500)	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	(\$6,778)	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$6,778)	\$0	\$0
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Justification:

Currently the Office Associate II (Education Program Scheduler) position is responsible for scheduling more than 900 programs and tours by school children and the general public to the Maine State Museum, State House and Blaine House and also functions as the museum's primary receptionist. These duties will have to be absorbed by existing Maine State Museum, State House or Blaine House staff.

Maine State Museum 0180

Initiative: Eliminates one part-time Museum Technician I position. This position will end on March 7, 2009.

Ref. #: 633 - P128

Committee Vote: OTF 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(0.500)	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	(\$6,417)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$6,417)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The Maine State Museum relies heavily on volunteer support, with 100 volunteers contributing nearly 5,690 hours of time. This Museum Technician I (Volunteer Coordinator) position recruits, interviews, screens and schedules many of these volunteers, ensuring that their talents are used productively to benefit the museum. Without a coordinator, work with volunteers will become an ad hoc and uncoordinated effort. Volunteer numbers and contributions will decrease as a result.

**MUSEUM, MAINE STATE
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$49,728)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$49,728)	\$0	\$0

PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION, MAINE

Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation 0033

Initiative: Reduces funding through a further reduction in the workforce. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 635 - P130

Committee Vote: Extension 1 *
Request 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$116,823)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$116,823)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

MPBN is the only broadcaster that covers the entire state. MPBN carries programs that teach children to read, write, count and do math. We provide comprehensive coverage and analysis of national, state and local politics and offer a voice to constituencies often underserved by commercial broadcasters. News and public affairs related to the state of Maine is a primary focus of MPBN. From the beginning of FY 07 through the end of FY 08, MPBN has seen reductions in its Federal funding of \$442,300, an annual USDA grant of \$400,000 was eliminated and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) allocation was reduced by \$42,300. During that time State funding was flat at \$2,250,700. In FY 09 MPBN is seeing an additional decline in its Federal CPB funding of \$112,000 and its State appropriation has already been reduced by \$79,300, a further total reduction of \$191,300. This proposed curtailment of \$116,823 will bring MPBN's government funding down by \$750,400 (18%) in less than 3 years. On a total budget of \$11,298,000 in FY 07 and \$11,364,000 in FY 08, \$750,000 is significant. MPBN's increased efforts in other revenue areas have so far kept pace with these cuts, but its cost of fund raising has risen dramatically as we are forced to replace the lost Federal and State funding with less cost efficient types of efforts. At the same time, MPBN has held its salary and benefits costs essentially unchanged by being very parsimonious with wage adjustments and by reducing its workforce from 106 at the end of FY 06 to 95 today -10%+. An additional reduction in force will hold serious consequences for MPBN's continued ability to provide critical services throughout the state. Utilities costs are fixed and rising and current levels of purchased programming costs are necessary for a minimum of Mission delivery. Other revenue sources have been pressed quite hard already to keep pace with the reduction in government allocations. Therefore MPBN's only choice is to make further cuts in staffing levels to create the necessary reductions in salaries and benefits. MPBN does not relish this possibility, but rather sees this as the only way to respond to this curtailment. In responding to a previous request to reduce MPBN's FY 2010 and FY 2011 appropriation by \$217,137, we came to the same unfortunate conclusion that staffing reductions were our only choice. With this curtailment we will simply be forced to act more quickly and implement the changes during FY 09.

PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION, MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$116,823)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$116,823)	\$0	\$0

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031

Initiative: Reduces funding from a system-wide curtailment of spending. This initiative relates to the curtailments ordered in Financial Order 004576 F9.

Ref. #: 674 - P141

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$8,372,135)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$8,372,135)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The curtailment of \$8.4M in the middle of the academic year impacts the University System's ability to sustain academic quality and preserve student services. The University System is already facing other financial challenges in the current fiscal year. Spending reductions of \$19.1M were implemented to bring the System's budget into balance at the start of FY09. The System also took steps to reduce spending by an additional \$6.7M to cover a net loss in investment earnings. The \$8.4M curtailment brings the System's total FY09 spending reductions up to \$34.2M. Additionally, fall enrollments were below budget for several campuses, while current enrollments for the spring 2009 semester also appear to be below projections. This will require further reductions in spending this fiscal year at affected universities. Given the timing and magnitude of these financial difficulties, it is not possible to avoid a negative impact on students. However, every effort is being made to ensure that students will have access to critical services and will be able to obtain the courses needed for graduation. The reduction of the initial curtailment target of \$10.6M to the current curtailment of \$8.4M, as implemented, will mitigate the impact on students.

University of Maine Scholarship Fund Z011

Initiative: Reduces funding to bring the allocation into line with projected available resources based on the reprojections of racino revenue by the Revenue Forecasting Committee in December 2008.

Ref. #: 675 - P141

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
All Other	(\$326,661)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$326,661)	\$0	\$0

Justification:

The Revenue Forecasting Committee in its December 2008 report re-projected racino revenues downward. This initiative reduces the allocation to bring into line with projected available resources.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$8,372,135)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$326,661)	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$8,698,796)	\$0	\$0

SECTION TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	(\$35,848,326)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$11,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$335,009	\$0	\$0
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$35,502,317)	\$0	\$0

Sec. B-1. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ARTS COMMISSION, MAINE

Arts - Sponsored Program 0176

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 688

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$3,751	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$3,751)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

ARTS COMMISSION, MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Learning Systems 0839

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 710

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$23,719	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$23,719)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

Ref. #: 711

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$31,326	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$31,326)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

Support Systems 0837

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 713

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$8,158	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$8,158)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

LIBRARY, MAINE STATE

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #: 737

Committee Vote: OTP 13-0 AFA Vote: _____

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Personal Services	\$2,989	\$0	\$0
All Other	(\$2,989)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

LIBRARY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

SECTION TOTALS	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

**Education and Cultural Affairs Committee Report on LD 45,
Recommendations for “Language” Parts C, M, and U**

“Part C” Committee Vote: OTP - 11 / ONTP - 2

PART C

Sec. C-1. 20-A MRS §15671, sub-§7, ¶B, as amended by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. C, §4, is further amended to read:

B. The annual targets for the state share percentage of the statewide adjusted total cost of the components of essential programs and services are as follows.

- (1) For fiscal year 2005-06, the target is 52.6%.
- (2) For fiscal year 2006-07, the target is 53.86%.
- (3) For fiscal year 2007-08, the target is 53.51%.
- (4) For fiscal year 2008-09, the target is ~~54.01%~~52.52%.
- (5) For fiscal year 2009-10 and succeeding years, the target is 55%.

Sec. C-2. 20-A MRS §15689, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. C, §10, is further amended to read:

B. The school administrative unit's special education costs as calculated pursuant to section 15681-A, subsection 2 multiplied by the following transition percentages:

- (1) In fiscal year 2005-06, 84%;
- (2) In fiscal year 2006-07, 84%;
- (3) In fiscal year 2007-08, 84%;
- (4) In fiscal year 2008-09, ~~50%~~45%; and
- (5) In fiscal year 2009-10 and succeeding years, 84%.

Sec. C-3. PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. C, §17 is amended to read:

Sec. C-17. Mill expectation. The mill expectation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15671-A for fiscal year 2008-09 is ~~6.556.79~~.

Sec. C-4. PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. C, §19 is amended to read:

Sec. C-19. 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, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009 is calculated as follows:

	2008-09 LOCAL	2008-09 STATE
Local and State Contributions to the Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12		
Local and state contributions to the	\$837,488,866	\$983,537,536
total cost of funding public	<u>\$864,544,910</u>	<u>\$956,481,491</u>
education from kindergarten to		
grade 12 pursuant to the Maine		
Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section		
15683		

Sec. C-5. Waiver; required local contribution. For fiscal year 2008-09 general purpose aid for local schools funding only, for those school administrative units that do not raise the increased required local contribution pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, subsection 1 that results from increasing the mill expectation from 6.55 to 6.79, there will be no proportional reduction to the state share pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15690, subsection 1, paragraph C.

“Part M” Committee Vote: OTP - 13-0

PART M

Sec. M-1. Transfer of funds; Maine State Museum. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the State Controller shall transfer \$10,000 from the Museum Sales Program Revolving Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Maine State Museum to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2009.

“Part U” Committee Vote: OTP - 13-0

PART U

Sec. U-1. Certification renewal notices. The Commissioner of Education is authorized to accelerate the process for renewal notices for teachers who hold provisional certificates and provisional extensions resulting in additional one-time undedicated revenue to the General Fund of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2008-09.