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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 1488, L.D. 2002, "An Act To Eliminate Inactive Boards and Commissions"

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§15-A, as amended by PL 2017, c. 407, Pt. A, §8, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12004-H, sub-§10-A, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 403, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§12-B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. CCC, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §20078-A, as amended by PL 2017, c. 407, Pt. A, §46, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §970, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 403, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 7 MRSA §972-B, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 403, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 7 MRSA §974-A, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2013, c. 403, §6, is further amended to read:

D. Other terms and conditions prescribed by rule by the board upon consultation with the committee.

Sec. 8. 10 MRSA §1023-N, first ¶, as amended by PL 2021, c. 31, §4, is further amended to read:

There is created a fund known as the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund." The fund must be deposited with and maintained by the authority to be used solely for investment in the Maine potato industry. The fund must be administered by the Maine Potato Board, established in Title 36, section 4603 and referred to in this section as "the board," and the Potato Marketing Improvement Fund Committee, established in Title 5, section 12004-H, subsection 10-A. All money received by the

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1 authority from any source for the development and implementation of improved storage,
 2 packing and marketing and programs and activities that improve the economic viability of
 3 the potato industry must be credited to the fund. Any money credited to the fund from the
 4 issuance of bonds on behalf of the State for agricultural development may be used only for
 5 the purposes of state loans as prescribed by Title 7, section 974-A to provide assistance to
 6 potato farmers for the design, construction, improvement, support and operation of storage,
 7 packing and marketing facilities; for programs and activities that improve the economic
 8 viability of the potato industry; and to pay the administrative costs of processing loan
 9 applications and servicing and administering the fund and loans and grants made therein,
 10 to the extent that the costs exceed the fee for administrative costs established by Title 7,
 11 section 974-A, subsection 2-A. At the discretion of the Commissioner of Agriculture,
 12 Conservation and Forestry, the authority shall make payments directly to the board, which
 13 shall use those payments to implement the requirements of this section. During any period
 14 that the commissioner has authorized direct payments from the authority to the board, the
 15 authority shall make written annual reports to the commissioner and the joint standing
 16 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry
 17 matters detailing the amounts of payments to the board and the dates payments were made
 18 and detailing the expenditure of those payments. Repayment of the loans and interest on
 19 the loans must be credited to the fund to be available for making additional state loans for
 20 the same purposes, except that any interest earned on the cash balance of the fund may be
 21 used for the grants authorized by Title 7, section 975-A. In order to provide additional
 22 amounts for loans, the commissioner, upon consultation with the board, may take such
 23 actions and enter into such agreements as may be necessary to sell or assign up to
 24 \$2,000,000 in the aggregate principal amount of loans and undivided interests in a pool of
 25 loans and assign or pledge any mortgage or other security to the authority, under the terms
 26 and conditions the commissioner considers advisable upon consultation with the board.
 27 The assignment and related transactions may not result in indebtedness of the State. The
 28 proceeds of the sale or assignment must be credited to the fund and used for the purposes
 29 authorized in this section.

30 **Sec. 9. 20-A MRSA §6663**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. CCC, §2, is repealed.

31 **Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
 32 allocations are made.

33 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

34 **Commission To End Student Hunger Z192**

35 Initiative: Eliminates base allocation due to commission being eliminated.

36 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
37 All Other	\$0	(\$500)
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39 OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$500)

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41 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
 42 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. It eliminates the following boards and commissions pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12006, subsection 2:

1. Commission To End Student Hunger;
2. Driver Education and Evaluation Programs Appeals Board; and
3. Potato Marketing Improvement Fund Committee.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)