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APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 484, L.D. 1507, “An Act To Establish a Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program and Allocation”

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

'Sec. 1. Legislative intent regarding allocations to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program. It is the intent of the Legislature that the total combined allocation in section 2 of \$493,973,030 for fiscal years 2020-21 and 2021-22 represents the estimated maximum total amount to be distributed to the 3 categories of local government, which are county, metropolitan and other units of local government, scheduled for receipt of local fiscal recovery funds in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. While the Legislature expects that county and metropolitan funds will be provided directly to those entities by the Federal Government, the Legislature understands that federal regulations may require distribution of the local fiscal recovery fund portion of the funds from the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 through the State to those entities and has allocated the combined total to provide for that possibility. The allocation in fiscal year 2022-23 allows for the expenditure of any remaining funds that may carry into that fiscal year. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services may adjust allotments by financial order to conform to guidance put forth by the Federal Government regarding the local fiscal recovery funds.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Local Fiscal Recovery Funds N359**

Initiative: Provides one-time allocations necessary to distribute the local fiscal recovery funds authorized in the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			
- ARP			
All Other	\$246,986,515	\$246,986,515	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND -	<u>\$246,986,515</u>	<u>\$246,986,515</u>	<u>\$500</u>
ARP TOTAL			

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

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SUMMARY

11 This amendment changes the allocation amount in the bill in fiscal years 2020-21 and
12 2021-22 to allocate 1/2 of the maximum total amount estimated to be distributed to the 3
13 categories of local government covered by the local fiscal recovery funds in the federal
14 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in each fiscal year and changes the name of the account
15 from which the allocation is to be made. This amendment also adds a section stating the
16 legislative intent of the bill is to allocate the maximum amount of expected funds with the
17 understanding that some of the funds may be distributed directly to 2 of the categories of
18 local government but the full amount of expected distribution is allocated to provide for
19 the possibility that all funds may have to be distributed through the State. This amendment
20 allows the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to adjust allotments by
21 financial order in order to comply with federal guidelines.