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**STATE OF MAINE
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 621, L.D. 974, “An Act to Establish Minimum Pay for Educational Technicians and Other School Support Staff”

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4015 is enacted to read:

§4015. Minimum hourly wage for educational technicians and other school support staff

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Educational technician" has the same meaning as in section 13001-A, subsection 8.

B. "Other school support staff" means a public school employee who is not an educational technician and who is paid on an hourly basis.

2. Minimum hourly wage. Except as provided in subsection 3, for the school year starting after June 30, 2024 and for each subsequent school year, the minimum hourly wage for educational technicians is equal to 200% of the minimum hourly wage established in Title 26, section 664, subsection 1 and the minimum hourly wage for other school support staff is equal to 150% of the minimum hourly wage established in Title 26, section 664, subsection 1.

3. Wage increases. If, pursuant to the requirements of Title 26, section 664, subsection 1, the minimum hourly wage is increased on January 1st of any year, the minimum hourly wage for educational technicians and other school support staff is increased beginning July 1st of the same year in an amount equal to 200% of the increased minimum hourly wage under Title 26, section 664, subsection 1 for educational technicians and in an amount equal to 150% of the increased minimum hourly wage under Title 26, section 664, subsection 1 for other school support staff.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15677, sub-§2, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 504, Pt. A,
2 §6, is amended to read:

3 B. For fiscal year 2006-07 ~~and each subsequent year~~ until fiscal year 2024-25, the
4 commissioner shall update the previous year's salary matrix to reflect appropriate
5 trends in the Consumer Price Index or other comparable index.

6 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15677, sub-§2, ¶C** is enacted to read:

7 C. For fiscal year 2024-25 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the commissioner shall
8 update the previous year's salary matrix to reflect appropriate trends in the Consumer
9 Price Index or other comparable index and to reflect any increase in the minimum
10 hourly wage of educational technicians and clerical staff in accordance with section
11 4015, subsection 3.

12 **Sec. 4. Data collection; incorporation into essential programs and services.**

13 A school administrative unit shall provide to the Department of Education on or before
14 October 1, 2023 the current wage per hour paid to educational technicians and other school
15 support staff eligible for the minimum hourly wage established in the Maine Revised
16 Statutes, Title 20-A, section 4015. The department shall incorporate the minimum hourly
17 wage under Title 20-A, section 4015 into the essential programs and services funding
18 model under Title 20-A, chapter 606-B.

19 **Sec. 5. State contribution.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
20 20-A, chapter 606-B, for the school years starting after June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025,
21 the State shall provide 100% of the additional funding necessary to achieve the minimum
22 hourly wage for educational technicians and other school support staff established under
23 Title 20-A, section 4015. The Department of Education shall determine the additional
24 funding necessary to achieve the minimum hourly wage for educational technicians and
25 other school support staff for each school administrative unit through the collection of data
26 from school administrative units under section 4.

27 **Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
28 allocations are made.

29 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

30 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

31 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the State's cost to support an increase in the minimum
32 wage for educational technicians and other hourly paid school support staff.

33 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
34 All Other	\$0	\$275,656,710
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36 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$275,656,710

37 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

38 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for system upgrades to support the collection of wage
39 data for eligible educational technicians and other school support staff to be incorporated
40 into the essential programs and services funding model.

41 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
42 All Other	\$80,000	\$0

