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**STATE OF MAINE  
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 224, L.D. 324, “An Act to Increase Reading Proficiency in Public Schools”

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the following:

**'An Act Regarding Funding for Educational Programs and Opportunities'**

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the substitute title and inserting the following:

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

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §253, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

**10. Funding for educational programs and opportunities.** The commissioner may raise and expend private funds to support a fund established for specific educational programs and opportunities.

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

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF  
Innovative Teaching and Learning Z394**

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for an early literacy grant program as well as for grant programming related to the implementation of best practices for mathematics instruction in schools.

<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$500	\$500
<b>OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>

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

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment changes the title and removes the substantive provisions of Committee Amendment "A." It authorizes the Commissioner of Education to raise and expend private funds to support a fund established for specific educational programs and opportunities.

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**(Senator ROTUNDO, M.)**

**COUNTY: Androscoggin**