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9 10 11	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 918, L.D. 1422, "An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who Are Homeless by Establishing a Housing Voucher Program and Providing Site-based Housing Services"		
12	Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:		
13 14	'An Act to End Homelessness and Assist Students Who Are Homeless by Establishing a Rental Subsidy Program'		
15	Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:		
16 17	'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and		
18 19	Whereas, the current housing crisis is having a significant impact on students at the elementary and secondary school levels; and		
20 21	Whereas, students experiencing homelessness are unable to benefit from their education as intended and are extremely vulnerable to exploitation and trauma; and		
22 23 24 25	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,'		
26 27	Amend the bill in section 1 in sub-c. 14 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: " YOUCHER " and inserting the following: ' SUBSIDY '		
28 29	Amend the bill in section 1 in sub-c. 14 in §4994-A in the first line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: " Voucher " and inserting the following: ' Subsidy '		
30 31 32	Amend the bill in section 1 in sub-c. 14 in §4994-A in subsection 2 in the first line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "voucher" and inserting the following: 'subsidy'		

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Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting the following:

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'Sec. 2. Subsidy program development. The Maine State Housing Authority, referred to in this section as "the authority," shall develop a rental subsidy program for homeless students in coordination with the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services and other agencies or service providers as the authority determines appropriate. The authority shall consider ways in which the services provided by school-based housing navigators established by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act could benefit the administration of a rental subsidy program. The program must provide housing subsidies directly to homeless students or to an adult family member or guardian of the homeless student. In developing the program, the authority must incorporate elements to provide housing subsidies to homeless students who have not attained 18 years of age who do not have adult family members or guardians to secure housing on their behalf. The authority shall report to the joint standing or joint select committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters on the progress of the program's development no later than January 15, 2024.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Housing Subsidy Program for Homeless Students N432

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for housing subsidies for homeless students in elementary school and secondary school.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment removes the portions of the bill that direct the Maine State Housing Authority to identify 3 sites in the State to be used for site-based housing for homeless students and also removes the associated one-time funding of \$3.5 million in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25. The bill requires the authority to establish a voucher program for homeless students; the amendment changes that to a housing subsidy program. The amendment adds a directive that the authority develop the housing subsidy program in consultation with the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services. The program must incorporate elements to provide housing subsidies to homeless students who have not attained 18 years of age who do not have adult family members or guardians to secure housing for them. Under the amendment, the authority is required to report on the progress of the program's development no later than January 15, 2024. The

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2	amendment also adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause and changes the title.
3	FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
1	(See attached)

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