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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

‘Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one Education Specialist II position to administer the Local Produce Fund established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6602, subsection 12. This position will also provide training to food staff and outreach to local farmers as well as manage the new program promoting seasonally available local products.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$53,637	\$91,863
All Other	\$5,388	\$6,383
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$59,025	\$98,246

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to provide a \$1 match for every \$3 a school administrative unit pays for produce or minimally processed foods purchased directly from a farmer, farmers' cooperative or local food hub in the State pursuant to the provisions established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6602, subsection 12 up to a maximum of \$1,000 per school administrative unit in fiscal year 2019-20 and \$1,500 per school administrative unit in fiscal year 2020-21 and subsequent years. Funds appropriated for this purpose do not lapse but must be carried forward into the next fiscal year to be used only to support the provisions of the Local Produce Fund as established in Title 20-A, section 6602, subsection 12.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$215,000	\$322,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$215,000	\$322,500

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND

2019-20	2020-21
\$274,025	\$420,746

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS

\$274,025

\$420,746

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect October 1, 2019.’

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report, establishes one Education Specialist II position rather than one Education Specialist III position as in the bill. The amendment also provides that the state match is up to a maximum of \$1,000 per school administrative unit in state fiscal year 2019-20 and up to \$1,500 per school administrative unit in state fiscal year 2020-21 and subsequent years.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)