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SENATE AMENDMENT " " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1079, L.D. 1509, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2015"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of Part J and inserting the following:

PART J

Sec. J-1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. S, §4 and affected by §16, is further amended to read:

5. Transfers to funds. No later than the 10th day of each month, the State Controller shall transfer to the Local Government Fund 5% of the receipts during the previous month from the taxes imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8, and Title 36, section 2552, subsection 1, paragraphs A to F and L, and credited to the General Fund without any reduction, except that the postage, state cost allocation program and programming costs of administering state-municipal revenue sharing may be paid by the Local Government Fund. For months beginning in fiscal year 2014-15, no transfers under this subsection may be made. A percentage share of the amounts transferred to the Local Government Fund each month must be transferred to the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund and distributed pursuant to subsection 4-B as follows:

C. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2009 but before July 1, 2010, 15%;

D. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2010 but before July 1, 2011, 16%;

E. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2011 but before July 1, 2012, 17%;

F. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2012 but before July 1, 2013, 18%;

G. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2013 but before July 1, 2014, 19%; and

H. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2014, 20%.

Sec. J-2. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5-C, as amended by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. I, §1, is further amended to read:

1 satisfactory to the bureau. The bureau shall reimburse the Unorganized Territory
2 Education and Services Fund for ~~50%~~ 100% of taxes lost by reason of the exemption.

3 **Sec. NNNNN-4. Application.** This Part applies to property taxes based on the
4 status of property on or after April 1, 2014.

5 **Sec. NNNNN-5. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
6 appropriations and allocations are made.

7 **ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
8 **Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement 0886**

9 Initiative: Provides funding to increase the exemption amount to \$25,000 and provide
10 100% reimbursement to municipalities.

11	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
12	All Other	\$0	\$74,971,000
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14	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$74,971,000</u>
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16 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
17 or section number to read consecutively.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This amendment increases the homestead property tax exemption from \$10,000 to
20 \$25,000 and increases state reimbursement to municipalities for lost revenue from 50% to
21 100% and reduces amounts available for state-municipal revenue sharing to cover the
22 cost of the reimbursement to municipalities.

23 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

24 **(See attached)**

25 SPONSORED BY: _____

26 (Senator THOMAS)

27 COUNTY: Somerset