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**STATE OF MAINE
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131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1256, L.D. 1954, “An Act to Address the Recent Mill Closure in the Town of Jay by Providing Funds to Offset Property Tax Loss”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Town of Jay is experiencing economic hardships and financial difficulties due to the recent closure of a mill in that municipality; and

Whereas, the town will suffer additional financial difficulties due to the loss not only of the taxable value of the closed mill but also the loss of \$600,000 in state-municipal revenue sharing in fiscal year 2022-23 due to complicated municipal funding efforts; and

Whereas, it is to the benefit of the Town of Jay, and of the State as a whole, to provide financial support to the town during this period of financial distress; and

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,'

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.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
State Controller - Office of the 0056**

Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation to the Office of the State Controller to provide payment to the Town of Jay to help offset a property tax revenue loss from a recent mill closure.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
2	All Other	\$600,000	\$0
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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6 Amend the bill by adding before the summary the following:

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

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

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SUMMARY

12 This amendment clarifies that the appropriation is to the Office of the State Controller
13 for the purpose of providing payment to the Town of Jay to help offset a property tax
14 revenue loss from a recent mill closure. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble
15 and emergency clause to the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)