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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 465, L.D. 1128, “An Act to Address Student Hunger and Nutrition Through Expanded Access to Free Milk in Schools”

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble.

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6602-A is enacted to read:

§6602-A. Free Milk Fund

1. Fund established. The Free Milk Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established in the department to issue grants to eligible school administrative units to reimburse the cost of providing milk at no cost to students who do not receive a lunch through a school food service program established in section 6602. The fund consists of money received as appropriations, allocations and contributions from public and private sources. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Interest earned by the fund must be credited to the fund. Any unexpended balances remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year do not lapse and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

For the purposes of this section, "eligible school administrative unit" means a school administrative unit that participates in the National School Lunch Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 and that meets federal compliance requirements established by that program.

2. Rules. The department shall adopt routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of the fund.

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

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Free Milk Fund N451**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 Initiative: Provides one-time funds to reimburse school administrative units that participate
 2 in the National School Lunch Program and choose to provide milk at no cost to students
 3 who do not receive a lunch through a school food service program established in the Maine
 4 Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6602.

5	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
6	All Other	\$262,500	\$0
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8	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$262,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>

9 **School Finance and Operations Z078**

10 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the staffing and system enhancement costs to
 11 upgrade the claim reimbursement system in order to reimburse school administrative units
 12 that participate in the National School Lunch Program and choose to provide milk at no
 13 cost to students who do not receive a lunch through a school food service program
 14 established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6602.

15	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
16	Personal Services	\$3,147	\$0
17	All Other	\$20,000	\$0
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19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$23,147</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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21	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
22	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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24	GENERAL FUND	\$285,647	\$0
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26	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$285,647</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

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SUMMARY

31 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill. The
 32 amendment establishes the Free Milk Fund in the Department of Education, which the
 33 department must use to issue grants to eligible school administrative units to reimburse the
 34 cost of providing milk at no cost to students who do not receive a lunch through a school
 35 food service program. The amendment also removes the emergency preamble and the
 36 emergency clause from the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)