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HOUSE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “A” to H.P. 702, L.D. 1019, 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, 2016 and June 30, 2017”

Amend the amendment in Part C in section 6 in paragraph B in subparagraph (11) in the first line (page 600, line 38 in amendment) by striking out the following: "47.54%." and inserting the following: '53.94%.'

Amend the amendment in Part C in section 7 in paragraph C by striking out all of subparagraphs (5) and (6) (page 601, lines 12 and 13 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'(5) For fiscal year 2015-16 and succeeding years, the target is 55%.'

Amend the amendment in Part C in section 8 in paragraph B in subparagraph (8) in the 2nd line (page 602, line 20 in amendment) by striking out the following: "52.46%" and inserting the following: '46.06%'

Amend the amendment in Part C in section 17 in the last line (page 604, line 43 in amendment) by striking out the following: "8.23." and inserting the following: '6.91.'

Amend the amendment in Part C by striking out all of section 19 and inserting the following:

'Sec. C-19. Local and state contributions to total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. The local contribution and the state contribution appropriation provided for general purpose aid for local schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 is calculated as follows:

HOUSE AMENDMENT

		2015-16 LOCAL	2015-16 STATE
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3	Local and State Contributions to the		
4	Total Cost of Funding Public Education		
5	from Kindergarten to Grade 12		
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7	Local and state contributions to the total	\$952,834,793	\$1,116,071,037
8	cost of funding public education from		
9	kindergarten to grade 12 pursuant to the		
10	Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,		
11	section 15683, subject to statewide		
12	distributions required by law		
13			
14	State contribution to the total cost of		\$147,838,154
15	teacher retirement, teacher retirement		
16	health insurance and teacher retirement		
17	life insurance for fiscal year 2015-16		
18	pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,		
19	Title 5, chapters 421 and 423		
20			
21	State contribution to the total cost of		\$1,263,909,191
22	funding public education from		
23	kindergarten to grade 12		
24			

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

26 **'PART O**

27 **Sec. O-1. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§4-B, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 453, §6,
28 is amended to read:

29 E. In fiscal year 2015-16 ~~and each fiscal year thereafter~~, the Treasurer of State shall
30 credit the revenues derived from the tax imposed pursuant to section 4641-A,
31 subsection 1 in accordance with this paragraph.

32 (1) At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Maine State Housing Authority shall
33 certify to the Treasurer of State the amount that is necessary and sufficient to
34 meet the authority's obligations relating to bonds issued or planned to be issued
35 by the authority under Title 30-A, section 4864.

36 (2) On a monthly basis the Treasurer of State shall apply 50% of the revenues in
37 accordance with this subparagraph. The Treasurer of State shall first pay
38 revenues available under this subparagraph to the Maine State Housing
39 Authority, which shall deposit the funds in the Maine Energy, Housing and
40 Economic Recovery Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4863, until the
41 amount paid equals the amount certified by the Maine State Housing Authority
42 under subparagraph (1), after which the Treasurer of State shall credit any
43 remaining revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund.

1 (3) On a monthly basis, the Treasurer of State shall ~~credit~~ apply 50% of the
2 revenues in accordance with this subparagraph. The Treasurer of State shall first
3 credit \$9,291,740 of the revenues available under this subparagraph to the
4 General Fund, after which the Treasurer of State shall pay any remaining
5 revenues available under this subparagraph to the Maine State Housing
6 Authority, which shall deposit the funds in the Housing Opportunities for Maine
7 Fund created in Title 30-A, section 4853.

8 **Sec. O-2. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§4-B, ¶¶E-1 and E-2** are enacted to read:

9 E-1. In fiscal year 2016-17, the Treasurer of State shall credit the revenues derived
10 from the tax imposed pursuant to section 4641-A, subsection 1 in accordance with
11 this paragraph.

12 (1) At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Maine State Housing Authority shall
13 certify to the Treasurer of State the amount that is necessary and sufficient to
14 meet the authority’s obligations relating to bonds issued or planned to be issued
15 by the authority under Title 30-A, section 4864.

16 (2) On a monthly basis the Treasurer of State shall apply 50% of the revenues in
17 accordance with this subparagraph. The Treasurer of State shall first pay
18 revenues available under this subparagraph to the Maine State Housing
19 Authority, which shall deposit the funds in the Maine Energy, Housing and
20 Economic Recovery Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4863, until the
21 amount paid equals the amount certified by the Maine State Housing Authority
22 under subparagraph (1), after which the Treasurer of State shall credit any
23 remaining revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund.

24 (3) On a monthly basis the Treasurer of State shall apply 50% of the revenues in
25 accordance with this subparagraph. The Treasurer of State shall first credit
26 \$9,090,367 of the revenues available under this subparagraph to the General
27 Fund, after which the Treasurer of State shall pay any remaining revenues
28 available under this subparagraph to the Maine State Housing Authority, which
29 shall deposit the funds in the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund created in
30 Title 30-A, section 4853.

31 E-2. In fiscal year 2017-18 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Treasurer of State
32 shall credit the revenues derived from the tax imposed pursuant to section 4641-A,
33 subsection 1 in accordance with this paragraph.

34 (1) At the beginning of the fiscal year, the Maine State Housing Authority shall
35 certify to the Treasurer of State the amount that is necessary and sufficient to
36 meet the authority’s obligations relating to bonds issued or planned to be issued
37 by the authority under Title 30-A, section 4864.

38 (2) On a monthly basis the Treasurer of State shall apply 50% of the revenues in
39 accordance with this subparagraph. The Treasurer of State shall first pay
40 revenues available under this subparagraph to the Maine State Housing
41 Authority, which shall deposit the funds in the Maine Energy, Housing and
42 Economic Recovery Fund established in Title 30-A, section 4863, until the
43 amount paid equals the amount certified by the Maine State Housing Authority

1 the amount of trade or business loss, net operating loss, capital loss, farm loss or
2 partnership or S corporation loss.

3 C. "Homestead" means any residential property, including cooperative property, in
4 this State assessed as real property owned by a tax family or held in a revocable
5 living trust for a tax family and occupied as a permanent residence or owned by a
6 cooperative housing corporation and occupied as a permanent residence by a tax
7 family that is a qualifying shareholder. "Homestead" does not include any real
8 property used solely for commercial purposes.

9 D. "Income tax liability" means the total amount of tax that a tax family estimates
10 will be due for a taxable year under this Part, exclusive of a withholder's liability for
11 taxes withheld, less any allowable credits for that taxable year. "Income tax liability"
12 does not include the assessment under subsection 2.

13 E. "Individual effective tax rate on state and local taxes paid" means a fraction, the
14 numerator of which is the sum, for the tax year, of a tax family's income tax paid to
15 other jurisdictions, income tax liability, property taxes accrued on a tax family's
16 homestead and sales taxes paid and the denominator of which is the tax family's
17 expanded income for the tax.

18 F. "Permanent residence" means that place where a tax family has a true, fixed and
19 permanent home and principal establishment to which a tax family, whenever absent,
20 has the intention of returning. A tax family may have only one permanent residence
21 at a time and, once a permanent residence is established, that residence is presumed
22 to continue until circumstances indicate otherwise.

23 G. "Sales taxes paid" means state sales and use tax reported as an itemized deduction
24 for federal income tax purposes or, if not included as an itemized deduction, the
25 amount as calculated by the federal optional state sales tax tables.

26 H. "Tax equalization assessment" is an amount, which may not be less than zero,
27 equal to the difference in the average effective tax rate on state and local taxes paid
28 and a tax family's individual effective tax rate on state and local taxes paid multiplied
29 by a tax family's expanded income.

30 I. "Tax family" or "tax families" means a grouping of individuals based on tax filing
31 status.

32 **2. Assessment.** For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, in addition to
33 all other taxes contained in this Part, a tax family must pay a tax equalization assessment
34 if, for the tax year, a tax family has the following:

35 A. An individual effective tax rate on state and local taxes paid that is less than the
36 average effective tax rate on state and local taxes paid by the bottom 98% of tax
37 families as calculated in section 200, subsection 1, paragraph A; and

38 B. An expanded income of \$250,000 or more for a tax family filing as a single
39 individual or a married person filing a separate return, \$325,000 or more for a tax
40 family filing as an unmarried individual or legally separated individual who qualifies
41 as a head of household or \$400,000 or more for a tax family filing as an individual
42 filing a married joint return or a surviving spouse permitted to file a joint return.

PART VVVV

Sec. VVVV-1. 20-A MRSA §15676, as corrected by RR 2011, c. 2, §19, is amended to read:

§15676. EPS per-pupil rate

For each school administrative unit, the commissioner shall calculate the unit's EPS per-pupil rate for each year as the sum of:

1. Teaching staff costs. The salary and benefit costs for school level teaching staff that are necessary to carry out this Act, calculated in accordance with section 15678, adjusted by the regional adjustment under section 15682 ~~and reduced by the amount of funds received by the school administrative unit during the most recent fiscal year under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 United States Code, Section 6301 et seq.;~~

2. Other staff costs. The salary and benefit costs for school-level staff who are not teachers, but including substitute teachers, that are necessary to carry out this Act, calculated in accordance with section 15679, adjusted by the regional adjustment under section 15682 ~~and reduced by the amount of funds received by the school administrative unit during the most recent fiscal year under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 United States Code, Section 6301 et seq.;~~ and

3. Additional costs. The per-pupil amounts not related to staffing, calculated in accordance with section 15680-; and

4. Title I funds; hold harmless. Beginning in fiscal year 2015-16, the amount of funds received by the school administrative unit during the most recent fiscal year under Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 United States Code, Section 6301 et seq. for the teaching staff costs in subsection 1 and for the other staff costs in subsection 2 unless the State does not:

A. Provide additional state funding that results in at least the same or an increased amount of state subsidy allocated to each school administrative unit in the State as compared to the amount of state subsidy that would be allocated to the school administrative unit if the EPS per-pupil rate calculated by the commissioner were reduced by the amount of Title I funds received by the school administrative unit; or

B. Adopt statutory requirements to implement a 3-year phase-in schedule that results in at least the same or an increased amount of state subsidy allocated to each school administrative unit in the State as compared to the amount of state subsidy that would be allocated to the school administrative unit if the EPS per-pupil rate calculated by the commissioner were reduced by the amount of Title I funds received by the school administrative unit by the end of the 3-year phase-in period.

The EPS per-pupil rate is calculated on the basis of which schools students attend. For school administrative units that do not operate their own schools, the EPS per-pupil rate is calculated under section 15676-A.

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PART WWWW

Sec. WWWW-1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
Division of Forest Protection Z232**

Initiative: Provides funds to establish 6 Forest Ranger II positions.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$232,167	\$471,966
All Other	\$52,650	\$105,300
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$284,817	\$577,266

Division of Quality Assurance and Regulation 0393

Initiative: Provides funds to establish one Consumer Protection Inspector position.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$74,461	\$76,030
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$74,461	\$76,030

Food Assistance Program 0816

Initiative: Provides funding for a radio campaign, website costs and posters and brochures to promote food self-sufficiency.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$25,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,000	\$0

Food Assistance Program 0816

Initiative: Provides funding to establish a part-time Planning and Research Assistant position.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$21,043	\$21,150

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2	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$21,043	\$21,150
3	Office of the Commissioner 0401		
4	Initiative: Provides funding for related technology costs to establish a Planning and		
5	Research Assistant position.		
6	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
7	All Other	\$1,810	\$1,810
8			
9	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,810	\$1,810
10	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
11	All Other	\$670	\$670
12			
13	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$670	\$670
14	Office of the Commissioner 0401		
15	Initiative: Provides funds for technology costs associated with establishing a Consumer		
16	Protection Inspector position.		
17	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
18	All Other	\$1,810	\$1,810
19			
20	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,810	\$1,810
21	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
22	All Other	\$335	\$335
23			
24	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$335	\$335
25	Office of the Commissioner 0401		
26	Initiative: Establishes 6 Forest Ranger II positions.		
27	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
28	All Other	\$9,910	\$19,818
29			
30	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,910	\$19,818

1 Initiative: Provides funding to increase reimbursement rates 66% for providers of in-
 2 home and community support direct care services.

3	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
4	All Other	\$2,260,785	\$3,014,378
5			
6	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,260,785</u>	<u>\$3,014,378</u>

7 **Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid 0731**

8 Initiative: Appropriates funds to increase the personal needs allowances of residents in
 9 residential care facilities from \$70 to \$90.

10	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
11	All Other	\$119,948	\$179,922
12			
13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$119,948</u>	<u>\$179,922</u>

14 **Mental Health Services - Community 0121**

15 Initiative: Provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide
 16 start-up funding for operational support for 2 so-called “Housing First” projects to house
 17 medically compromised individuals to transition from the homeless shelter system to
 18 permanent housing effective January 1, 2017.

19	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
20	All Other	\$0	\$800,000
21			
22	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$800,000</u>

23 **Mental Health Services - Community 0121**

24 Initiative: Provides funding to increase payments to peer centers, also referred to as social
 25 clubs or drop-in centers, by 10% beginning in fiscal year 2015-16.

26	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
27	All Other	\$107,944	\$62,944
28			
29	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$107,944</u>	<u>\$62,944</u>

30 **Mental Health Services - Community 0121**

31 Initiative: Provides funding for annual inflation increases to the peer center contracts.

1	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	\$23,671	\$47,721
3			
4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$23,671</u>	<u>\$47,721</u>

5 **Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid 0732**

6 Initiative: Appropriates funds to increase the personal needs allowances of residents in
7 residential care facilities from \$70 to \$90.

8	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
9	All Other	\$195,347	\$293,021
10			
11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$195,347</u>	<u>\$293,021</u>

12 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,**
13 **DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY BDS)**
14 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

15		2015-16	2016-17
16	GENERAL FUND	\$5,028,308	\$7,492,136
17			
18	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$5,028,308</u>	<u>\$7,492,136</u>

19 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)**

20 **Child Care Services 0563**

21 Initiative: Appropriates and allocates funds for the full match to leverage all available
22 federal child care development funds.

23	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
24	All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
25			
26	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

27 **FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND**

28	All Other	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
29			
30	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

31 **Head Start 0545**

32 Initiative: Appropriates funds for delivery of Head Start services.

1	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	\$1,425,000	\$1,425,000
3			
4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,425,000</u>	<u>\$1,425,000</u>

5 **Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420**

6 Initiative: Provides funding to increase reimbursement rates 66% for providers of in-
7 home and community support direct care services.

8	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
9	All Other	\$2,503,959	\$3,570,340
10			
11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,503,959</u>	<u>\$3,570,340</u>

12 **Low-cost Drugs To Maine's Elderly 0202**

13 Initiative: Provides funding to reflect no asset criteria for eligibility in the elderly low-
14 cost drug program.

15	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
16	All Other	\$30,883	\$37,060
17			
18	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$30,883</u>	<u>\$37,060</u>

19	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2015-16	2016-17
20	All Other	\$678,427	\$814,113
21			
22	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>\$678,427</u>	<u>\$814,113</u>

23 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

24 Initiative: Appropriates funds to increase the personal needs allowances of residents in
25 residential care facilities from \$70 to \$90.

26	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
27	All Other	\$398,726	\$598,089
28			
29	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$398,726</u>	<u>\$598,089</u>

30 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

31 Initiative: Provides funding to increase reimbursement rates 66% for providers of in-
32 home and community support direct care services.

1	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	\$3,713,412	\$5,386,155
3			
4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,713,412</u>	<u>\$5,386,155</u>

5	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
6	All Other	\$12,896,143	\$17,900,198
7			
8	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$12,896,143</u>	<u>\$17,900,198</u>

9 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

10 Initiative: Provides funding to reflect no asset criteria for eligibility in the elderly low-
11 cost drug program.

12	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
13	All Other	\$678,427	\$814,113
14			
15	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$678,427</u>	<u>\$814,113</u>

16	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2015-16	2016-17
17	All Other	(\$678,427)	(\$814,113)
18			
19	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>(\$678,427)</u>	<u>(\$814,113)</u>

20 **Nursing Facilities 0148**

21 Initiative: Appropriates and allocates funds to increase the personal needs allowances of
22 residents in nursing facilities from \$40 to \$50.

23	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
24	All Other	\$162,290	\$242,137
25			
26	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$162,290</u>	<u>\$242,137</u>

27	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
28	All Other	\$270,137	\$406,503
29			
30	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$270,137</u>	<u>\$406,503</u>

31 **Nursing Facilities 0148**

1 Initiative: Provides funding to restore crossover payments to nursing facilities related to
 2 the nondual Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program population of the Medicare savings
 3 program for whom coverage was eliminated in Public Law 2013, chapter 368.

4	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
5	All Other	\$200,641	\$601,923
6			
7	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$200,641</u>	<u>\$601,923</u>

8	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
9	All Other	\$336,838	\$1,010,515
10			
11	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$336,838</u>	<u>\$1,010,515</u>

12 **Nursing Facilities 0148**

13 Initiative: Provides funding to decrease the occupancy percentage threshold required for a
 14 nursing facility with more than 60 beds from 90% to 80% and for a nursing facility with
 15 60 beds or fewer from 85% to 75%.

16	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
17	All Other	\$63,187	\$84,249
18			
19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$63,187</u>	<u>\$84,249</u>

20	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
21	All Other	\$106,078	\$141,438
22			
23	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$106,078</u>	<u>\$141,438</u>

24 **Nursing Facilities 0148**

25 Initiative: Adjusts funding to reflect the impact on the nursing home tax from the
 26 decrease of the occupancy percentage threshold required for a nursing facility with more
 27 than 60 beds from 90% to 80% and for a nursing facility with 60 beds or fewer from 85%
 28 to 75%.

29	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
30	All Other	(\$10,156)	(\$13,541)
31			
32	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$10,156)</u>	<u>(\$13,541)</u>

1	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	\$10,156	\$13,541
3			
4	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$10,156</u>	<u>\$13,541</u>

5 **Nursing Facilities 0148**

6 Initiative: Adjusts funding to reflect the impact on the nursing home tax from the
7 restoration of crossover payments to nursing facilities related to the nondual Qualified
8 Medicare Beneficiary program population of the Medicare savings program for whom
9 coverage was eliminated in Public Law 2013, chapter 368.

10	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
11	All Other	(\$26,874)	(\$80,622)
12			
13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$26,874)</u>	<u>(\$80,622)</u>

14	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
15	All Other	\$26,874	\$80,622
16			
17	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$26,874</u>	<u>\$80,622</u>

18 **Nursing Facilities 0148**

19 Initiative: Provides funding to create a critical access nursing facility designation using
20 criteria that are sensitive to the unique access challenges in remote areas of the State and
21 provide that a critical access nursing facility designation qualifies as an allowable
22 exception to MaineCare budget neutrality.

23	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
24	All Other	\$1,760,713	\$2,347,617
25			
26	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,760,713</u>	<u>\$2,347,617</u>

27 **Nursing Facilities 0148**

28 Initiative: Adjusts funding to reflect the impact on the nursing home tax from the creation
29 of a critical access nursing facility designation using criteria that are sensitive to the
30 unique access challenges in remote areas of the State and provide that a critical access
31 nursing facility designation qualifies as an allowable exception to MaineCare budget
32 neutrality.

1	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	(\$105,643)	(\$140,857)
3			
4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$105,643)</u>	<u>(\$140,857)</u>

5	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
6	All Other	\$105,643	\$140,857
7			
8	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$105,643</u>	<u>\$140,857</u>

9 **Office of MaineCare Services 0129**

10 Initiative: Provides funding for the technology-related costs, including system changes,
 11 testing and oversight, to implement the recommendations of the Commission To
 12 Continue the Study of Long-term Care Facilities.

13	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
14	All Other	\$44,674	\$0
15			
16	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$44,674</u>	<u>\$0</u>

17	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2015-16	2016-17
18	All Other	\$44,674	\$0
19			
20	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$44,674</u>	<u>\$0</u>

21 **PNMI Room and Board Z009**

22 Initiative: Appropriates funds to increase the personal needs allowances of residents in
 23 residential care facilities from \$70 to \$90.

24	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
25	All Other	\$125,099	\$187,648
26			
27	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$125,099</u>	<u>\$187,648</u>

28 **Purchased Social Services 0228**

29 Initiative: Appropriates funds for home visiting services.

1	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000
3			
4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,400,000</u>	<u>\$5,400,000</u>

5	HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,		
6	DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY DHS)		
7	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
8			
9	GENERAL FUND	\$18,364,338	\$22,459,311
10	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$13,653,870	\$19,458,654
11	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$0	\$0
12	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$142,673	\$235,020
13	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
14			
15	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$35,160,881</u>	<u>\$45,152,985</u>

16 **HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE**

17 **Housing Authority - State 0442**

18 Initiative: Reduces funding to recognize the impact of additional transfers of the real
 19 estate transfer tax to the General Fund.

20	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2015-16	2016-17
21	All Other	(\$3,000,000)	(\$3,000,000)
22			
23	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$3,000,000)</u>	<u>(\$3,000,000)</u>

24 **Rental Assistance Program - MSHA N217**

25 Initiative: Provides funds for rental assistance.

26	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
27	All Other	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
28			
29	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

30 **Shelter Operating Subsidy 0661**

31 Initiative: Provides funds for homeless shelters.

1	GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
2	All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
3			
4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
5	HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE		
6	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
7			
8	GENERAL FUND	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
9	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$3,000,000)	(\$3,000,000)
10			
11	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>
12	SECTION TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
13			
14	GENERAL FUND	\$169,735,339	\$195,046,832
15	FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$13,653,870	\$19,458,654
16	FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$0	\$0
17	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$2,854,573)	(\$2,760,478)
18	FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
19			
20	SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$183,534,636</u>	<u>\$214,745,008</u>

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

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This amendment does the following:

26 1. It increases the amount of funding being diverted from the Housing Opportunities
 27 for Maine Fund to the General Fund by \$3,000,000 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$3,000,000
 28 in fiscal year 2016-17 and requires that \$3,000,000 per year be diverted from the Housing
 29 Opportunities for Maine Fund to the General Fund beginning in fiscal year 2017-18; and

30 2. It provides funding of \$3,000,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2015-16 to a
 31 newly created rental assistance program within the Maine State Housing Authority.

32 This amendment, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, requires
 33 payment of a tax equalization assessment if a resident taxpayer has an expanded income
 34 of at least \$250,000 for single filers, \$325,000 for head of household filers or \$400,000
 35 for joint filers and an effective tax rate that is less than the average effective tax rate on
 36 state and local taxes paid by the bottom 98% of income earners. Any excess revenue
 37 generated by the tax equalization assessment must go to the Maine Budget Stabilization
 38 Fund.

