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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 250, L.D. 636, “An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Local Foods for Public Schools”

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,** school administrative units have an immediate need to provide high-quality, locally grown foods to Maine students, many of whom experience food insecurity; and

**Whereas,** school administrative units require the ability to access the State's enhanced program providing local foods to public schools in the current fiscal year; 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 in section 1 in subsection 12 in the 9th line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$7,500" and inserting the following: '\$5,000'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 12 in the 10th line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$10,000" and inserting the following: '\$5,500'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 12 in the 22nd line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$7,500" and inserting the following: '\$5,000'

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 12 in the 26th line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$7,500" and inserting the following: '\$5,000'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§12-A** is enacted to read:

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1           **12-A. Local Foods Fund reimbursement.** Reimbursement or partial reimbursement  
 2 to school administrative units may be made only up to the amount appropriated to support  
 3 the provisions of the Local Foods Fund as established in subsection 12. Funds appropriated  
 4 for this purpose do not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be used  
 5 for the same purpose.

6           **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
 7 allocations are made.

8           **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

9           **Local Foods N371**

10 Initiative: Transfers funding to support the use of local produce in schools to a newly  
 11 created Local Foods Fund.

12 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
13           All Other	\$300,813	\$322,500	\$322,500
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15           GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$300,813	\$322,500	\$322,500

16           **School Finance and Operations Z078**

17 Initiative: Transfers funding to support the use of local produce in schools to a newly  
 18 created Local Foods Fund.

19 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
20           All Other	(\$300,813)	(\$322,500)	(\$322,500)
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22           GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$300,813)	(\$322,500)	(\$322,500)

24           **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**  
 25           **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

26	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
27 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
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29 <b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
30 <b>FUNDS</b>			

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

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

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

37           **SUMMARY**

38           This amendment adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause and changes  
 39 the maximum state contribution per school administrative unit to \$5,000, or \$5,500 for

1 school administrative units that send a food service employee to local foods training  
2 administered by the Department of Education.

3 The amendment provides that reimbursement or partial reimbursement to school  
4 administrative units may be made only up to the amount appropriated to support the  
5 provisions of the Local Foods Fund and that funds appropriated for this purpose do not  
6 lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

7 The amendment also transfers funding to support the use of local foods in schools to  
8 the newly created Local Foods Fund.

9 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

10 **(See attached)**