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No. 454

S.P. 132

In Senate, January 29, 2019

An Act To Encourage the Purchase of Local Produce for Public Schools

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative ACKLEY of Monmouth and
Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, MILLETT of Cumberland, MOORE of
Washington, Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, CUDDY of Winterport, DUNPHY of
Old Town, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PLUECKER of Warren.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

4 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **School Finance and Operations Z078**

6 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one Education Specialist III position to administer
7 the Local Produce Fund established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,
8 section 6602, subsection 12. This position will also provide training to food staff and
9 outreach to local farmers as well as manage the new program promoting seasonally
10 available local products.

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12	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
13	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
14	Personal Services	\$65,111	\$90,591
15	All Other	\$6,500	\$6,500
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17	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$71,611	\$97,091

18 **School Finance and Operations Z078**

19 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to provide a \$1 match for every \$3 a school
20 administrative unit pays for produce or minimally processed foods purchased directly
21 from a farmer, farmers' cooperative or local food hub in the State pursuant to the
22 provisions established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6602, subsection
23 12. Funds appropriated for this purpose do not lapse but must be carried forward into the
24 next fiscal year to be used only to support the provisions of the Local Produce Fund as
25 established in Title 20-A, section 6602, subsection 12.

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27	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
28	All Other	\$430,000	\$430,000
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30	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$430,000	\$430,000

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32	EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF	2019-20	2020-21
33	DEPARTMENT TOTALS		
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35	GENERAL FUND	\$501,611	\$527,091
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37	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$501,611	\$527,091

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SUMMARY

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This bill provides funds to the Department of Education to administer the Local Produce Fund and to provide a \$1 match for every \$3 expended by a school administrative unit for produce or minimally processed foods purchased directly from a farmer, farmers' cooperative or local food hub in this State.

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