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House of Representatives, January 14, 1999

An Act to Remove Favorable Weighting of Consolidation in the School Funding Formula.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: CIANCHETTE of South Portland, MUSE of South Portland, SHOREY of Calais, SNOWE-MELLO of Poland.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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4	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15905, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. ZZZ, §1, is amended to read:
6	5. Approval criteria. In approving school construction projects, the state board shall-ensure-that-school-administrative
8	unitshavemade - officientuse - ofexistingscheelfacilities withintheunitand - haveexploredandwhenfeasibledeveloped
10	agreementsforsharingfacilitieswithneighboringschool administrative-units may not assign any additional weighting in
12	the school construction project rating process to a school administrative unit that plans to consolidate 2 or more existing
14	schools into one new school building.
16	SUMMARY
18	This bill removes the favorable weighting provided to school
20	consolidation projects in the school construction project rating process. Under this bill, the State Board of Education may not
22	assign any additional points to a school construction project that proposes to consolidate 2 or more existing schools into one
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