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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "H" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1209, L.D. 1629, "RESOLUTION, Proposing a Competing Measure under the Constitution of Maine To Create Municipal Service Districts To Reduce the Cost of Local Government, To Provide Property Tax Relief and To Increase Economic Competitiveness"

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the following:

'RESOLUTION, Proposing a Competing Measure under the Constitution of Maine To Reduce the Cost of Local Government through Increased State Education Funding and Provide Property Tax Relief'

Further amend the amendment in Part A in section 2 in that part designated "~~§15671-A.~~" by striking out all of subsection 3.

Further amend the amendment by striking out all of Part B.

Further amend the amendment on page 8 in the question in the first to 4th lines (page 8, lines 21 to 24 in amendment) by striking out the following: ", without raising Maine sales and personal income taxes, by having the State pay 55% of the cost of public education and capping municipal spending to achieve significant savings at the local level" and inserting in its place the following: 'and avoid the need for a significant increase in state taxes by phasing in a 55% state contribution to the cost of public education'

Further amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

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SENATE AMENDMENT "H" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1209,  
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**SUMMARY**

This amendment removes the provision establishing a referendum process if the local cost share expectation is exceeded. The amendment removes all of Part B of the Committee Amendment "C", which established a cap on municipal budget growth. The amendment also amends the question.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

SPONSORED BY:   
(Senator GAGNON)

COUNTY: Kennebec

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

**121st Maine Legislature  
Office of Fiscal and Program Review**



**LD 1629**

**RESOLUTION, Proposing a Competing Measure under the Constitution  
of Maine to Reduce the Cost of Local Government through Increased  
State Education Funding and Provide Property Tax Relief**

**LR 2165(34)**

**Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "H" to Committee Amendment "C"**

**Sponsor: Sen. Gagnon**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

**Fiscal Note**

	2003-04	2004-05	Projections 2005-06	Projections 2006-07
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$40,000)	(\$80,000)
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$40,000)	(\$80,000)

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by \$40,000 in fiscal year 2005-06 and \$80,000 in fiscal year 2006-07 due to the elimination of the provisions concerning a cap on municipal appropriations and its impact on the Department of Audit.