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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
121ST LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 761, L.D. 1924, Bill, "An Act To Reduce the Cost of Local Government through Increased State Education Funding and Provide Property Tax Relief"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in that part designated "~~\$1677.~~" by striking out all of subsections 3 and 4 and inserting in their place the following:

'3. Benchmarks and projected performance indicators. In addition to the considerations set forth in subsection 2, paragraphs A to D, the committee's determination under subsection 2 must be based on consideration of the following benchmarks and projected performance indicators for the specified state fiscal years.

A. For fiscal year 2006-07:

(1) The benchmark for the state share of the total cost of the essential programs and services described in Title 20-A, section 15671 is 48.0%; and

(2) The projected performance indicator for the related reduction in local property tax commitment to fund the cost of the essential programs and services described in Title 20-A, section 15671 is a local property tax commitment that is less than the local property tax commitment made in fiscal year 2005-06.

B. For fiscal year 2007-08:

(1) The benchmark for the state share of the total cost of the essential programs and services described in Title 20-A, section 15671 is 50.0%; and

2           (2) The projected performance indicator for the  
4           related reduction in local property tax commitment to  
6           fund the cost of the essential programs and services  
            described in Title 20-A, section 15671 is a local  
            property tax commitment that is less than the local  
            property tax commitment made in fiscal year 2006-07.

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C. For fiscal year 2008-09:

10           (1) The benchmark for the state share of the total  
12           cost of the essential programs and services described  
14           in Title 20-A, section 15671 is 52.5%; and

16           (2) The projected performance indicator for the  
18           related reduction in local property tax commitment to  
20           fund the cost of the essential programs and services  
            described in Title 20-A, section 15671 is a local  
            property tax commitment that is less than the local  
            property tax commitment made in fiscal year 2007-08.

22           D. For fiscal year 2009-10:

24           (1) The benchmark for the state share of the total  
26           cost of the essential programs and services described  
            in Title 20-A, section 15671 is 55.0%; and

28           (2) The projected performance indicator for the  
30           related reduction in local property tax commitment to  
32           fund the cost of the essential programs and services  
34           described in Title 20-A, section 15671 is a local  
            property tax commitment that is less than the local  
            property tax commitment made in fiscal year 2008-09.

36           4. Annual report. The committee shall provide an annual  
38           report to the Governor and to the joint standing committee of the  
40           Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial  
42           affairs, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
44           jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs and the joint  
            standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
            taxation matters no later than September 1st in each of the  
            fiscal years in which it meets pursuant to subsection 2. The  
            committee's annual report must include the following:

46           A. The information developed by the Department of Education  
            in accordance with subsection 2;


48           B. A progress report of the actions of state and local  
50           officials in accomplishing the benchmarks and projected  
            performance indicators specified in subsection 3;

- 2           C. Analyses of and findings with respect to the relevant
- 4           factors, including any extenuating or exceptional
- 6           circumstances, that contributed to the accomplishment or
- 8           failure to accomplish the benchmarks and projected
- performance indicators specified in subsection 3 by state
- and local officials; and
- 10           D. Recommendations, including any recommended changes in
- 12           law, related to the considerations described in subsection
- 2, paragraphs A to D and the benchmarks and projected
- performance indicators described in subsection 3.'

**SUMMARY**

16           This amendment replaces the provision of the committee  
18 amendment that established specific performance indicators for  
20 the related reduction in local property tax commitments for the  
22 fiscal year 2005-06 to 2009-10 period with projected performance  
24 indicators that are based on a reduction in the local property  
tax commitment to fund the cost of essential programs and  
services that is less than the local property tax commitment made  
in the prior fiscal year.

26           The amendment also adds a new provision regarding the annual  
28 report required from the Municipal Budget Analysis Committee by  
30 requiring that the annual report also include recommendations,  
32 including any recommended changes in the law, related to the  
34 level of state funding, the related local property tax commitment  
required to fund the costs of kindergarten to grade 12 public  
education, municipal services and the local share of the county  
budget and the benchmarks and projected performance indicators  
established for the fiscal year 2005-06 to 2009-10 period.

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