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In Senate, March 22, 2005

### An Act Regarding the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ANDREWS of York.  
Cosponsored by Representative MOULTON of York.

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

4 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1979, c. 45, §6, 7th ¶,** as repealed and replaced by  
5 P&SL 1999, c. 83, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in  
6 its place:

7 The total expenses of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School  
8 District for kindergarten to grade 12, including operational,  
9 program, maintenance, debt retirement and interest costs, must be  
10 apportioned between the participating Town of Ogunquit and Town  
11 of Wells according to the following formula.

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13 1. For fiscal year 2005-06, 50% of the total will be  
14 assessed between the towns in the same proportion as the state  
15 valuation of each town, for the year preceding the year to which  
16 the budget applies, bears to the total valuation for both towns  
17 and 50% of the total will be assessed between the towns in the  
18 same proportion as the average number of resident pupils of each  
19 town, as counted under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,  
20 sections 5104-A and 6004 who are educated at public expense in  
21 kindergarten to grade 12 on April 1st and October 1st of the year  
22 preceding the year to which the budget applies, bears to the  
23 total number of resident pupils for both towns.

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25 2. For fiscal year 2006-07, 25% of the total will be  
26 assessed between the towns in the same proportion as the state  
27 valuation of each town, for the year preceding the year to which  
28 the budget applies, bears to the total valuation for both towns  
29 and 75% of the total will be assessed in the same proportion as  
30 the average number of resident pupils of each town, as provided  
31 in subsection 1 for the year preceding the year to which the  
32 budget applies, bears to the total number of resident pupils for  
33 both towns.

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35 3. For fiscal year 2007-08 and subsequent fiscal years,  
36 100% of the total will be assessed in the same proportion as the  
37 average number of resident pupils of each town, as provided in  
38 subsection 1 for the year preceding the year to which the budget  
39 applies, bears to the total number of resident pupils for both  
40 towns.

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42 **SUMMARY**

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45 This bill changes the formula for computing each town's  
46 assessment for the expenses of the Wells-Ogunquit Community  
47 School District. The current formula bases 67% of the  
48 assessments on state valuation and 33% on the number of resident  
49 pupils in each town. The formula will be changed over a 3-year

2 period so that the assessments are based entirely on the number  
of resident pupils in each town.

4 This bill removes language that permits the towns to agree  
6 to change the formula by separate majority vote in each town and  
that requires a withdrawal from the community school district to  
be authorized by special act of the Legislature.