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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
124TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1183,
L.D. 1671, Bill, "An Act Making Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations for the
Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain
Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the
Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011"

Amend the amendment by inserting after Part SSSS the following:

'PART TTTT

Sec. TTTT-1. 20-A MRSA §15696, sub-§2 is enacted to read:

2. Exception. The adjustments required by subsection 1 may not be made with regard to a school administrative unit that is nonconforming because the school administrative unit would lose state subsidy as a result of its reorganization under chapter 103-A or if its reorganization failed because one of the school administrative units participating in the reorganization process would lose state subsidy as a result of reorganization or because the reorganization plan would not have provided any greater educational benefit to students than what is provided to students enrolled in the schools currently operated by the school administrative units participating in the reorganization process.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment provides an exemption from the penalties established for nonconforming school administrative units under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15696 because the school administrative unit would lose state subsidy as a result of the reorganization plan or if the reorganization failed to be approved by voters because one of the school administrative units participating in the reorganization process would lose state subsidy as a result of reorganization or because the reorganization plan would

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1 not have provided any greater educational benefit to students enrolled in one of the school
2 administrative units participating in the reorganization process.

3 SPONSORED BY: *Peter B Johnson*

4 (Representative JOHNSON)

5 TOWN: Greenville

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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LD 1671

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Fiscal Note for House Amendment " *B* " to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Johnson of Greenville

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Local Detail and Notes

Given that school administrative units have already been notified of the amount of state subsidy they will receive for the 2010-2011 school year, this fiscal note assumes that the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education will require a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2010-11 as a result of exempting nonconforming school administrative units under certain conditions. The amount to be appropriated will depend on the number of nonconforming school administrative units that are exempted and the corresponding penalty.

This legislation may impact the total state and local cost of K-12 public education beginning in fiscal year 2011-12 and the State's share of that cost. This legislation could also affect the distribution of state subsidy to both conforming and nonconforming school administrative units in future biennia. The impact to individual school administrative units can not be determined at this time.