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S.P. 235

In Senate, February 12, 2019

**An Act To Provide School Districts with Full State Funding for
Students with High-cost Special Education Needs**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox.
Cosponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship and
Senators: BELLOWS of Kennebec, CHIPMAN of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin,
MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland, DODGE of
Belfast, RYKERSON of Kittery.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §15681-A, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

3 **2-B. Full state funding for high-cost special education students.** Beginning July
4 1, 2020, a school administrative unit must receive additional funds for each high-cost
5 special education placement equal to the amount by which that placement's estimated
6 costs exceed the statewide average EPS per-pupil rate. The funds provided pursuant to
7 this subsection are in place of, and not in addition to, state funds received pursuant to
8 subsection 2 or any other funding provided pursuant to this chapter;

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires the State, beginning July 1, 2020, to provide a school administrative
11 unit 100% of the funding needed for high-cost special education students.