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### An Act Regarding Special Education Funding

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery.  
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and  
Representative: SARGENT of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C,  
3 §50, is further amended by amending subparagraph (15) to read:

4 (15) In fiscal year 2019-20, 45%; ~~and~~

5 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C,  
6 §50, is further amended by amending subparagraph (16) to read:

7 (16) In fiscal year 2020-21 and ~~succeeding years in each succeeding fiscal year~~  
8 prior to fiscal year 2025-26, 50%; and

9 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C,  
10 §50, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (17) to read:

11 (17) In fiscal year 2025-26 and succeeding fiscal years, 55%.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2025-26, the minimum state share of a  
14 school administrative unit's special education costs under the essential programs and  
15 services school funding formula must be 55%.