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House of Representatives, January 14, 2025

An Act to Fund Students in Maine Schools Who Are Experiencing Homelessness

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ARCHER of Saco.
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and
Representatives: CLOUTIER of Lewiston, MALON of Biddeford, SAYRE of Kennebunk,
Senator: INGWERSEN of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15675, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

3 **4. Students experiencing homelessness.** For each student experiencing
4 homelessness, a school administrative unit receives an additional weight of .50 per student.
5 For the purposes of this subsection, "student experiencing homelessness" means a student
6 who has been identified by a school administrative unit as a homeless child or youth as
7 defined in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 United States Code,
8 Section 11434a.

9 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15683, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2021, c. 428, §9, is
10 further amended to read:

11 A. The product of the school administrative unit's kindergarten to grade 8 EPS per-
12 pupil rate multiplied by the total of the kindergarten to grade 8 portions of the following
13 pupil counts:

- 14 (1) The pupil count set forth in section 15674, subsection 1, paragraph C or D,
15 whichever is applicable;
- 16 (2) The additional weight for English learners calculated pursuant to section
17 15675, subsection 1; ~~and~~
- 18 (3) The additional weight for economically disadvantaged students calculated
19 pursuant to section 15675, subsection 2; ~~and~~
- 20 (4) The additional weight for students experiencing homelessness calculated
21 pursuant to section 15675, subsection 4;

22 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15683, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 398, §33, is
23 further amended to read:

24 B. The product of the school administrative unit's grade 9 to 12 EPS per-pupil rate
25 multiplied by the total of the grade 9 to 12 portion of the following pupil counts:

- 26 (1) The pupil count set forth in section 15674, subsection 1, paragraphs A, B and
27 C;
- 28 (2) The additional weight for English learners calculated pursuant to section
29 15675, subsection 1; ~~and~~
- 30 (3) The additional weight for economically disadvantaged students calculated
31 pursuant to section 15675, subsection 2; ~~and~~
- 32 (4) The additional weight for students experiencing homelessness calculated
33 pursuant to section 15675, subsection 4;

34 **SUMMARY**

35 This bill amends the school funding formula to provide an additional .50 weight to a
36 school administrative unit's per-pupil count for each student experiencing homelessness.
37 The bill also adds these additional weights to the calculation of the base total of a school
38 administrative unit's total operating allocation.