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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "F" to S. P. 895, L. D.
2488, Bill, "AN ACT to Correct Errors and
Inconsistencies in the Education Laws."

Amend said Bill by inserting after section 34
the following:

'Sec. 35. R. S., T. 20, § 3713, sub-§3, ¶C,
amended. Paragraph C of subsection 3 of section
3713 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as
enacted by section 1 of chapter 556 of the public
laws of 1973, is amended to read as follows:

C. The State Board of Education shall determine geographic isolation and may declare a unit to be geographically isolated when that unit is located an unreasonably long distance from another unit or school facility, or is situated in a location which has unique problems in transporting students to another school unit. If the unit is declared to be geographically isolated by the State Board of Education, the board shall adjust, ~~at its discretion,~~ the per pupil allocation to that unit to meet the educational needs of that unit, except that ~~no adjustments shall be made until the local additional appropriations, as specified in subsection 7, have been used and are shown to be inadequate,~~ such an adjustment shall not exceed the amounts expended by that unit which were in excess of the state average elementary and secondary expenditures of the previous year. Such a unit shall be granted the adjustment at least 2 months prior to its budget meeting, when possible, upon justification of the need for such an adjustment and only upon the condition that the unit raise its share of the funds required to maintain its elementary or secondary per pupil operating cost as required by subsection 3, paragraph B.'

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Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections 35 to 45 to be sections 36 to 46.

Further amend said Bill in section 38 by inserting before the last sentence the following: 'Any unit which has been required to increase its school appropriation by 2 1/2 mills under the provisions of section 3713, subsection 3, paragraph E, shall be exempted from paying in that year to the Treasurer of State that portion of its additional school levy which exceeds \$50 per pupil. The unit is not authorized to exceed the maximum per pupil expenditure of \$125 per year as established under this section.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment

/is to clarify definition of geographic isolation and provide for raising of local leeway dollars by certain units.

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