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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S. P. 651, L.D. 2056, Bill, "AN ACT to Clarify Certain Provisions in the Education Laws."

Amend said amendment by striking out all of the last sentence of the 24th paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:

'The tuition rate thus determined shall be adjusted by the average change in public secondary education costs for the 2 years immediately prior to the school year for which the tuition is computed, except that the adjustment shall be limited to a 6% increase and except that this adjustment limitation ceiling shall not apply to any school administrative unit having a total secondary school tuition pupil population of 35% or more of its total secondary school pupil population.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment exempts from the 6% limitation on out-of-town pupil tuition increases those school administrative units where high schools have 35% or more tuition pupils. These units are heavily affected by the tuition paid by other towns, and a limitation or tuition increase which does not take into

account the actual increasing costs of serving those pupils puts an unnecessary financial burden on those towns. The narrow exemption established by the amendment will alleviate this hardship.

Filed by Mr. Pearson of Old Town.

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