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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
107TH LEGISLATURE (Filing No. H-873)  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A " to H.P. 1915, L.D. 2101, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Return to Local Control of Funding of Public  
Schools."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2.

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out  
in the 4th and 7th lines (3rd and 6th lines in L.D.) of that  
part designated "§3741." the underlined word "uniform"

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out all  
of the 2nd underlined paragraph of that part designated  
"§3741." and inserting in place thereof the following:

'It is intended that 50% or more of the sum shall come  
from revenue sources other than the property tax.'

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by striking out all  
of subsection 6 of that part designated "§3745."

Further amend said Bill in section 3 by inserting at  
the end of that part designated "§3746." the following:

'12. Reduction in allotment. The allocation determined  
pursuant to this section for each municipality or district shall  
be reduced by the amount of revenue that can be raised in  
the municipality or the municipalities constituting the district  
if a tax were assessed and collected at the rate of 14.5 mills

applied to the municipality's state valuation adjusted to 100% in effect for the year in which the allocation is made. If a municipality or the municipalities constituting a district do not raise and appropriate a sum equal to what would be generated by the rate described in the preceding sentence, then upon written petition of 25 or more parents of students in attendance at the unit's school to the State Board of Education alleging that that municipality or district is not providing a suitable elementary and secondary education program, the State Board of Education shall conduct an investigation to determine whether the unit is providing a suitable education program when compared to other units of similar size. If after notice to the unit with an opportunity for a hearing the State Board of Education determines that the unit is not providing suitable educational programs, the State Board of Education may compel the municipality or municipalities constituting a district to raise and appropriate sufficient sums for a suitable elementary and secondary education not to exceed that which would be generated at a tax rate as described in the first sentence of this section. The State Board of Education is authorized to promulgate reasonable procedural rules and regulations to implement the disposition of any petition filed under this section.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections 3 to 6 to be sections 1 to 4.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to correct drafting errors in the original draft of the bill.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Education.

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