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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-876)
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 2020, L.D. 2196, Bill,
"AN ACT to Revise the Laws Relating to Funding of Public Schools."

Amend said Bill in section 1 by adding at the end of that part designated "§3748." the following subsection:

'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 13.0 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.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the mill rate for each community and therefore reduce the dependence on the local property tax. It shifts more of a load to the State and will cost \$4,540,336.70.

Filed by Mr. Blodgett of Waldoboro.

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