

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 107TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "I " 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 striking out the period at the end of paragraph C of subsection 3 of that part designated "<u>\$3748.</u>" and inserting in place thereof the following: 'or the amount by which the assessment of the uniform property tax exceeds the basic allocation as provided in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B, whichever is greater. No geographically isolated unit shall be required to raise any other funds under this Act as a condition precedent for a grant under this subsection.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment provides greater flexibility to the state board's adjustment of the allocation to geographically isolated units. Any such unit which raised more money locally than it received from the State in its allocation would be eligible to have its educational needs met through an increase in its allocation from the State not to exceed the limit presently in the law or the amount which it "over-collects" whichever is greater. Such a unit would not be required to raise additional local funds prior to the adjustments provided in this section.

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