

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-120)  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 185, L.D. 247, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Provide Minimum Subsidy Payments for Small  
Administrative Units."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of section 10 and  
inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 10. 20 MRSA §3748, sub-§3, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. A unit may qualify for a small unit subsidy adjustment if:

- (1) It is operating an elementary school with 25 pupils or less in kindergarten through grade 8 during the school year immediately prior to the year of allocation, whereby it shall receive a minimum allocation for operating costs equal to 5/3 of the state average elementary teachers' salary in the school year immediately prior to the year of allocation as determined by the commissioner; or
- (2) It is not operating an elementary school or a secondary school and has 25 pupils or less in the kindergarten through grade 8 during the school year immediately prior to the year of allocation, whereby it shall receive a minimum allocation computed by multiplying the elementary or secondary pupil enrollment on October 1st in the year of allocation by the state average elementary or secondary adjusted per pupil operating rate respectively or the actual cost of tuition payment in the year of allocation, whichever is less; or

(3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the small unit subsidy adjustment shall guarantee a minimum subsidy payment for operating costs to those units which qualify and that it shall be made only after the allocations in subsection 1, paragraphs A and B and subsection 2 have been made and the adjustments in paragraphs A through E have been made.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to raise the minimum allocation from 4/3 to 5/3 of the state average elementary teachers' salary. The amendment also clarifies the bill by changing the term operating expenses to the term operating costs.

The enactment of the bill as amended will / <sup>cost</sup> \$106,000.

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Reported by the Committee on Education

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