

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SCARPINO of St. George.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT Relating to Geographic Isolation  
2 Grants.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 20-A MRSA §15612, first ¶, as amended by PL 1985,  
7 c. 797, §60, is further amended to read:

8 Adjustments to the state share of the foundation  
9 allocation shall be made as allowed in subsections 1  
10 to 4 ~~for each school administrative unit that has~~  
11 ~~raised the maximum regardless of the amount of raised~~  
12 for its local share of the foundation allocation for  
13 operating costs.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of the original bill was to assist with additional state subsidy those geographically isolated schools who experience inordinately high education costs by virtue of their inaccessibility to nearby schools.

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Real estate valuation has increased at a rate far greater than operating costs for the schools this bill serves. This creates a problem that puts the isolated school in the proverbial Catch-22 situation where average per pupil costs exceed the state average by 50% or more than 100% of the local allocation still has not been raised.

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The cost to the State for this program is minimal and should not create a budgetary hardship.

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