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Presented by Representative NORTON of Winthrop. Cosponsored by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot, Senator PERKINS of Hancock and Representative RIDLEY of Shapleigh.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Budget Procedures of Community School Districts.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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20-A MRSA §1701, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Advance notice. Thirty days prior to the printing of 5 the warrant, a district school committee shall submit copies of the articles as they will be printed on the warrant to the 7 municipal officers of each participating municipality in the 9 district. Within 20 days following receipt of the copies of the proposed articles, the municipal officers of each participating municipality in the district may jointly submit their 11 recommendations for action on any or all articles to the district 13 school committee. If so submitted, the municipal officers' recommendations shall be included on the warrant. 15

STATEMENT OF FACT

19 Current law does not provide the officers of municipalities which belong to the same community school district with the 21 opportunity to exercise any formal role in the development and passage of their single budget for education. This bill would 23 therefore amend present law to give those municipal officers the chance to comment and make recommendations on the articles in the community school district's proposed budget. If the municipal 25 officers avail themselves of this opportunity, they must submit 27 their recommendations jointly. If the district school committee receives the municipal officers' joint recommendations within the 29 designated time frame, they must include them on the warrant. This bill will thus help to insure that those elected officials 31 who oversee their respective towns' comprehensive budgets may publicly indicate their concerns on any or all of the items in 33 the community school district's budget.

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