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Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ANTHONY of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative CROWLEY of Stockton Springs, Representative MAYO of Thomaston and Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Provide Reimbursement to Municipalities for Most Costs of
Special Education.**



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

3 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§22, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1983,
c. 859, Pt. G, §§ 2 and 4, is amended to read:

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7 A. The Twenty-five percent of the salary and benefit costs
of certified professionals, assistants and aides or persons
contracted to perform a special education service;

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11 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15612, first ¶,** as amended by PL 1987, c.
853, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

13 Adjustments to the state share of the foundation allocation
shall be made as allowed in subsections 1 to 4 and subsection 11
15 regardless of the amount raised for its local share of the
foundation allocation for operating costs.

17 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15612, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

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21 11. Special education salary adjustment. A school
administrative unit shall be reimbursed for 75% of the salary and
23 benefit and contracted service costs of certified professionals,
assistants and aides or persons employed or contracted to perform
25 a special education service.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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33 Currently, the principal expenses for special education,
other than for out-of-district placements, are paid for by each
school district and are partially reimbursed by the State under
the general education funding formula.

35 Under this bill, 75% of these expenses would be directly
reimbursed by the State. The remaining 25% would be included
37 with other education expenses for partial reimbursement under the
general education funding formula.

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41 This would substantially increase state support for special
education services. It would allow towns to prepare more
accurate projections of school expenses regardless of the number
43 of special education students in that town. It would also
provide property tax relief to every municipality that has one or
45 more special education students.