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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George.

Cosponsored by Representative MILLS of Bethel, Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senator COLLINS of Aroostook.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Concerning Geographic Isolation Grants.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 4	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15612, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. G, §§2 and 4, is amended to read:
6	C. The geographic isolation adjustment shall not/exceed be
8	the <u>actual</u> amounts expended by the school administrative unit in the base year which were in excess of the operating allocation in the year of allocation.
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12	Sec. 2. Application. This Act shall be effective with respect to education subsidies payable in fiscal year 1990-91 and thereafter.
14	Sec. 3. Legislative intent. It is the intent of the Legislature
16	that this Act be implemented within the existing General Fund appropriation for general purpose aid for local schools in fiscal
18	year 1990-91.
20	FISCAL NOTE
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24	The Department of Educational and Cultural Services will absorb the cost of this bill within existing resources.
26	STATEMENT OF FACT
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30	The School Finance Act of 1985 provides an adjustment to the state subsidy payable to geographically isolated school administrative units. The adjustment is intended to cover the
32	additional costs incurred by these units as a result of their isolation. Current law does not include a specific method of
34	determining the amount of the adjustment. This bill clarifies
36	the intent of the proponents of the legislation which enacted the adjustment, by stating that the amount of the adjustment is equal
38	to the difference between the unit's actual per pupil expenditures in the base year, 2 years before the payment of subsidy, and the amount payable per pupil under the education
40	funding formula for the year of subsidy payment. This formula provides for an adjustment that is approximately the difference
42	between the unit's per pupil expenditures and the average statewide per pupil expenditure.
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