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House of Representatives, January 8, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ERWIN of Rumford.

Cosponsored by Senator ESTES of York, Representative HANDY of Lewiston and Representative O'DEA of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Increase the State's Percentage of School Funding.



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

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- Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15602, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 505, §12, is further amended to read:
 - 1. Contributions from General Fund. It is the intent of the Legislature to provide at least 55% 60% of the cost of the total allocation from General Fund revenue sources or a percentage no less than that provided in the year prior to the year of allocation, whichever is greater.
- 12 The amount of the teacher recognition grants authorized in section 13503-A which are paid or deemed eligible to be paid on 14 August 15, 1986, shall must be added to the actual local operating costs expended by local units in 1986-87. The minimum amount of the cost of the total allocation from General Fund 16 revenue sources for 1988-89 shall must be increased by the total amount expended by the State in 1986-87 for teacher recognition 18 grants in accordance with section 13503-A and block grants in accordance with section 13509. The resulting percentage shall 20 must be used to define the minimum percentage contribution from General Fund revenue sources in 1988-89 and subsequent years. 22
- 24 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15613, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 848, §10, is amended to read:
 - 13. Minimum state allocation. Effective 1988-89 1992-93, each school administrative unit shall—be is guaranteed a minimum state share of its total allocation that is determined by multiplying 5% 10% of the foundation per pupil operating rate by the average number of resident kindergarten to grade 12 pupils, including special education tuition pupils, in the unit on April 1st and October 1st of the calendar year immediately prior to the year of allocation. These funds shall must be included as part of the school unit's total allocation as computed under this chapter and not as an adjustment to the unit's total allocation.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases the state share percentage of the total allocation statewide from 55% to 60% and increases the guaranteed minimum state share of each school administrative unit's total allocation from 5% to 10%.