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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ESTES of York

Cosponsored by Representative OLIVER of Portland and Representative HANDY of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act Providing for Low-income Student Adjustment in Education Funding.

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

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20-A MRSA §15612, sub-§12, as amended by PL 1989, c. 875, 4 Pt. E, §31, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: 6 12. Low-income student adjustment. The State shall annually pay each school administrative unit an amount equal to 0.073% of the foundation per pupil operating rate for each 8 student eligible for a free meal under the National School Lunch 10 Program or the National School Breakfast Program, and an amount equal to 0.067% of the foundation per pupil operating rate for each student eligible for a reduced price meal under those 12 programs. The number of eligible students is determined by the annual count of eligible students for the base year and no 14 student may be counted more than once, regardless of eligibility for more than one type of meal. 16 18 STATEMENT OF FACT 20 This bill provides for a low-income student adjustment to be

22 paid outside the finance formula. Providing the funds as an adjustment means that the amount received by a school 24 administrative unit does not depend on its state share percentage.

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