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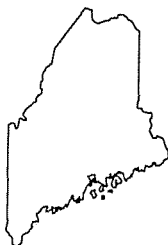
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

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An Act to Distribute General Purpose Aid for Local Schools for Fiscal  
Year 1992-93.

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

2           **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1301, sub-§1, ¶C** is enacted to read:

4           C. Notwithstanding paragraphs A and B and for fiscal year  
6           1992-93 only, the state valuation and resident pupil  
8           information used to calculate the shared cost for each  
            municipality must be the same as the information used for  
            fiscal year 1991-92.

10           **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1704, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1981, c.  
12           693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

14           **1. Formula.** A community school district shall share its  
            costs among the member municipalities on the basis of:

16           A. The number of resident pupils in each municipality;

18           B. The state valuation of each member municipality's real  
20           property as set in the calendar year prior to the district's  
            fiscal year;

22           C. In accordance with any combination of paragraphs A and  
24           B; or

26           D. In accordance with any other formula authorized by the  
            Legislature.

28           Notwithstanding paragraphs A to D and for fiscal year 1992-93  
30           only, the state valuation and resident pupil information used to  
            calculate the shared cost for each municipality must be the same  
32           as the information used for fiscal year 1991-92.

34           **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15602, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

36           **1. Fiscal year 1992-93.** Notwithstanding any other  
            provision of this Title, the following provisions apply to fiscal  
38           year 1992-93 general purpose subsidy for public schools.

40           A. For each unit, the total amount provided to the unit in  
            fiscal year 1992-93 as state subsidy and as described in  
42           section 15610, subsection 1-C and sections 15612 and 15613  
            must be the same as the amount calculated for fiscal year  
44           1991-92 for these purposes, including the calculations  
            described in section 15602, subsections 5 and 6, except as  
46           described below.

48           (1) Debt service must be the costs attributable to  
            fiscal year 1992-93.

2                   (2) The Public Law 81-874 federal impact aid reduction  
4                   must be calculated pursuant to federal requirements and  
                    section 15612, subsection 5.

6                   (3) Reductions to the total amount provided to Maine  
8                   Indian education schools must be in accordance with  
                    Title 30, section 6211, subsection 2.

10                   (4) The amounts provided for the costs of state agency  
12                   clients and for state wards, as specified in section  
14                   15607, subsection 9 and section 15613, subsection 5  
                    must be in accordance with actual fiscal year 1992-93  
                    costs.

16                   (5) For any school administrative unit whose fiscal  
18                   year 1992-93 foundation and minimum subsidy, as  
20                   calculated in other parts of this subsection, would be  
22                   less than the amount that would be calculated on the  
                    department's printout presented to the Joint Standing  
                    Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs dated  
                    February 19, 1992, the greater amount on that printout  
24                   must be provided.

26                   B. To provide for maximum subsidy stability between fiscal  
28                   year 1991-92 and fiscal year 1992-93, the state share  
30                   percentage for each school administrative unit, the per  
                    pupil operating rates, the program millage limit and debt  
                    service millage limit must be the same as those used for  
                    fiscal year 1991-92.

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34                   **FISCAL NOTE**

36                   This bill flat-funds school operating costs for fiscal year  
38                   1992-93 at the fiscal year 1991-92 level and funds debt service  
40                   at the required fiscal year 1992-93 level within the  
                    appropriation established by Public Law 1991, c. 591, Public Law  
                    1991, chapter 602 and Public Law 1991, c. 622.

42                   **STATEMENT OF FACT**

44                   This bill establishes the distribution method for general  
46                   purpose aid for local schools for fiscal year 1992-93. The state  
48                   subsidy level for the foundation and minimum allocation is  
                    flat-funded at the fiscal year 1991-92 level and the debt service  
                    is fully funded at the required level for fiscal year 1992-93.