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H.P. 153

House of Representatives, January 28, 1993

**An Act to Enhance the Effectiveness of the Quality Incentive Adjustment Allocation.**

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Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative REED of Falmouth.

Cosponsored by Representative: FOSS of Yarmouth, Senator: BUTLAND of Cumberland.

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15612, sub-§1, ¶¶A and B, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. G, §§2 and 4, are amended to read:

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A. A school administrative unit qualifies for a quality incentive adjustment if ~~its per-pupil operating costs in the base year exceed the foundation per-pupil operating rate in the year of allocation by 20% or less~~ the unit's mean score, for all tested grades, on the statewide educational assessment tests exceeds the statewide mean score of units composed of students with similar characteristics by at least 33%.

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B. The adjustment ~~shall be~~ is 1/2 of the difference between the unit's operating costs in the base year and the operating allocation in the year of allocation multiplied by the state share percentage as determined in section 15609. For any unit qualifying for a quality incentive adjustment under paragraph A, the operation of this paragraph does not reduce the adjustment to less than 10% of the unit's operating costs in the base year.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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Under current law, the quality incentive adjustment allocation is connected solely to a school administrative unit's operating costs. This bill changes the focus of the adjustment from one of higher-than-average expenditures by school administrative units to one of higher-than-average achievement by school administrative units, based on performance on the statewide educational assessment tests.