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S.P. 324

In Senate, March 21, 1995

**An Act to Require Reimbursement to School Units for the Purchase of
School Buses at the Time of Purchase.**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered
printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senators: CAREY of Kennebec, O'DEA of Penobscot, PINGREE of Knox,
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, DAGGETT of Augusta, FISHER of Brewer, GERRY
of Auburn, GOULD of Greenville, GREEN of Monmouth, LEMKE of Westbrook, LUTHER
of Mexico, RICHARDSON of Portland, TRIPP of Topsham.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§7**, as enacted by PL 1983, c.
859, Pt. G, §§2 and 4, is amended to read:

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7. Bus purchase costs. "Bus purchase costs" includes:

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A. Expenditures for bus purchases approved by the
commissioner and made during the year ~~prior--to--the--year~~ of
10 allocation.

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Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15609, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 1993,
c. 410, Pt. F, §17, is further amended to read:

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B. The local share of the allocation for program costs is
16 the actual local program costs in the base year adjusted and
bus purchase costs in the year ~~prior--to--the--year~~ of
18 allocation multiplied by the local share percentage
determined in paragraph A or the program millage limit
20 established in section 15607 times the fiscal capacity of
the municipalities in the school administrative unit,
22 whichever is less.

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(1) The program millage limit is the mills derived by
dividing 40% of the actual local program costs adjusted
26 as defined in section 15603, subsection 5 by the fiscal
capacity of all municipalities.

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(2) The local share percentage of program costs is the
30 proportion that the local share of the allocation for
program cost is to the maximum program cost allocation.
32 The state share percentage of program costs is the
proportion that the state share of the allocation for
34 program cost is to the maximum program cost allocation.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill provides school administrative units with state
subsidy for the purchase of a school bus in the year in which the
42 bus is purchased. Current law provides state subsidy in the year
following the year of purchase.