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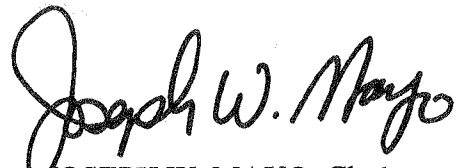
No. 505

H.P. 360

House of Representatives, January 28, 1997

An Act to Establish a Tuition Rate for Education in the Unorganized Territory.

Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BARTH of Bethel.
Cosponsored by Representative DESMOND of Mapleton, Senators: CASSIDY of Washington, CATHCART of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3304, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1981, c.
693, §§5 and 8, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §3304, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

8 1-A. Charges. The per pupil tuition charge must be an
10 amount equal to 125% of the state average expenditure per
12 elementary pupil during the preceding year, as determined
14 annually by the commissioner pursuant to section 5804.

14 **Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §1604, sub-§1,** as repealed and replaced by PL
1985, c. 459, Pt. C, §14, is amended to read:

16 **1. Recommendation to the Legislature.** The administrator of
18 the unorganized territory shall submit to the Legislature, by
20 March 1st, annually, a bill listing the requests of all counties
22 and agencies under this chapter. Requests for funding submitted
by the Department of Education may not include the General Fund
share of teacher retirement costs for which the State is liable
pursuant to Title 5, section 17001, subsection 42.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill contains 2 of the recommendations of the
28 Commissioner's Task Force on the Status of Education in the
30 Unorganized Territory. The bill establishes a tuition rate for
32 nonresident pupils attending school in the unorganized territory
and it eliminates unnecessary taxation to reflect existing
practices.