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Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Add Consolidation to the School Construction Rating System.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COWGER of Hallowell. Cosponsored by Senator TREAT of Kennebec and Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, CHARTRAND of Rockland, COLWELL of Gardiner, LOVETT of Scarborough, MERES of Norridgewock, POWERS of Rockport, VEDRAL of Buxton, WATSON of Farmingdale. Sec. 1. Revision of school construction rules. Resolved: That the State Board of Education shall amend its rules governing the school construction rating process to include a category that awards points for school consolidation. The rules must include a minimum of 20% of the overall rating for a construction project for school consolidation; and be it further

8 Sec. 2. Criteria. Resolved: That the State Board of Education shall establish criteria for evaluating whether consolidation is 10 warranted for each project presented to the board. The criteria must include travel distance between proposed new schools and 12 existing schools; the number of pupils a new school would serve; the type of education program proposed for the new school; and 14 cost savings to the school administrative unit or units; and be it further

Sec. 3. Subsidy incentive. Resolved: That the State Board of Education shall adopt rules establishing the subsidy incentive for approved school construction projects that include consolidation. Under the rules, a school administrative unit must receive a subsidy incentive in accordance with the following.

 School construction projects that include consolidation
of school buildings within a school administrative unit must receive an incentive payment equal to 10% of the project cost.
Half of the incentive payment must be paid following final funding approval by the State Board of Education. The other 1/2
of the payment must be paid following the final audit by the Department of Education.

 School construction projects that include consolidation
of school buildings between school administrative units must receive an incentive payment equal to 20% of the project cost.
Half of the incentive payment must be paid following final funding approval by the State Board of Education. The other 1/2
of the payment must be paid following the final audit by the Department of Education; and be it further

Sec. 4. Rules. Resolved: That rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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SUMMARY

46 This resolve directs the State Board of Education to amend its rules governing the school construction rating process to 48 include a category that awards points for school consolidation and directs the State Board of Education to establish criteria 50 for evaluating whether consolidation is warranted for a project.

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This resolve also directs the State Board of Education to establish subsidy incentives for approved school construction projects that include consolidation.

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