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House of Representatives, March 26, 1997

An Act Concerning the Calculation of the State's Share of School Funding.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SKOGLUND of St. George. Cosponsored by Representatives: GAGNE of Buckfield, SIROIS of Caribou, VOLENIK of Brooklin.

Be it	enacted	by	the	People	of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follows:	
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- Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15654, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
 4 368, Pt. Z, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:
- 6 Unit's local share percentage. For each administrative unit, the commissioner shall annually determine the unit's local share percentage of the per pupil guarantee. 8 Except--as--described--in--subsection--2,--the The local share 10 percentage for a member municipality in a school administrative district or a community school district is calculated as if each member of the municipality were a separate school administrative 12 unit. The local share percentage for a school administrative 14 unit may not exceed 100%. The local share percentage of the per pupil guarantee is the product of the amounts in paragraphs A and 16 В:
- A. The school administrative unit's weighted relative fiscal capacity, as defined in section 15657; and
- B. A statewide adjustment factor to be established annually by the commissioner.
- Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15654, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 368, Pt. Z, §1 and affected by §2, is repealed.
 - Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15658, sub-§2 is enacted to read:
- 2. Payment of state subsidy; school administrative
 districts; community school districts. The commissioner shall authorize state subsidy payments to member municipalities in school administrative districts and community school districts as if they were individual school administrative units. The provisions of section 15613 also apply to school administrative districts and community school districts.
 - Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2000.

40 SUMMARY

42 The purpose of this bill is to change the calculation and the payment of the state and local shares of the per pupil 44 under the school funding formula for administrative districts and community school districts. 46 bill determines the calculation and payment of state and local shares of the per pupil guarantee for school administrative and community school districts as 48 districts if they individual school administrative units. This bill will take

effect at the start of fiscal year 2000-01 to allow the State and member municipalities in school administrative districts and community school districts time to adjust to this change.