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House of Representatives, February 11, 1999

An Act to More Equitably Distribute General Purpose Aid to Schools Based on Property Values.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BELANGER of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Senator KIEFFER of Aroostook and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, KNEELAND of Easton,
SHERMAN of Hodgdon, WESTON of Montville, WHEELER of Bridgewater.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15610, sub-§1, ¶G is enacted to read:
4	C. Naturithatandian and other law if meduations are made in
6	G. Notwithstanding any other law, if reductions are made in the state share of the foundation allocation by calculating
Ü	a reduction for each unit, the calculation must be performed
8	by applying a standard mill rate to each school
10	administrative unit rather than by applying a fixed
10	percentage.
12	Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15652, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 368, Pt. Z, §1 and affected by §2, is repealed.
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	Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15652, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1997, c.
16	643, Pt. D, §3, is repealed.
18	Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §15652, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 368, Pt. Z, §1 and affected by §2, is repealed.
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	Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §15654, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1995, c.
22	368, Pt. Z, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:
24	A. The school administrative unit's weighted relative property fiscal capacity, as defined in section 15657; and
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28	Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §15657, as amended by PL 1997, c. 643, Pt. D, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
30	§15657. Relative property fiscal capacity
32	For each school administrative unit, the commissioner shall
	annually determine the unit's relative property fiscal capacity
34	by dividing the local per pupil property fiscal capacity by the
36	statewide per pupil property fiscal capacity.
38	SUMMARY
40	This bill removes income and cost-of-living factors from the
	distribution of funding for education under the School Finance
42	Act of 1995, leaving relative property fiscal capacity as the only factor. It also requires that reductions in state funds be
44	made by applying a mill rate to each school administrative unit

rather than a percentage.