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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 602, L.D. 1725, Bill, "An Act to Allow the Towns of Wells and Ogunquit to Withdraw from Their Community School District"

Amend the amendment by inserting before the first indented paragraph after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, two thirds of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.'

Further amend the amendment in the first indented paragraph after the title in the first line (page 1, line 23 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Amend" and inserting in its place the following: 'Further amend'

FISCAL NOTE

This bill changes the funding formula for distribution of the costs for kindergarten through grade 12 within the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District, which will increase the amounts apportioned to the Town of Wells. Although this bill

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2 does not clearly require the Town of Wells to expand or modify
its activities, it does require the Town to incur additional
4 expenditures and, consequently, may represent a state mandate
pursuant to the Constitution of Maine. The additional costs of
6 this potential state mandate can not be determined at this time.
In order to assure that the Town of Wells complies with the
8 intent of this bill, the Mandate Preamble and the two-thirds vote
of all members elected to each House exempts the State from the
10 constitutional requirement to fund 90% of the additional local
costs.

12 **SUMMARY**

14 This amendment adds a mandate preamble.

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SPONSORED BY:

(Senator SMALL)

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COUNTY: Sagadahoc

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