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In Senate, February 20, 2001

An Act to Establish Equity in the School Funding Formula.

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

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MARTIN of Aroostook.

	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1301, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:
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	E. Notwithstanding paragraphs A, B and D or subsection 3,
6	the method used to calculate the shared cost of operating
	the district for each member municipality may not result in
8	a disparity of greater than 25% in the per pupil costs of
	operating the district of 2 member municipalities within the
10	district.
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	SUMMARY
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	This bill establishes a so-called "circuit breaker"
16	provision to limit the disparity of member municipalities' shared
	costs per pupil within a school administrative district. The
18	bill provides that a school administrative district is required
	to adjust the method of sharing local costs of operating the
20	district when the difference between the per pupil costs of 2 or more municipalities within the district is greater than 25%.