

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1145

House of Representatives, March 8, 2001

**An Act to Amend the School Funding Formula by Adding a  
Hold-harmless Provision.**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15602, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

6 15. Hold-harmless provision for fiscal year 2001-02 and  
8 each fiscal year thereafter. Notwithstanding any other provision  
10 of this chapter or chapter 606-A, the following hold-harmless  
12 provision is established for fiscal year 2001-02 and for each  
14 fiscal year thereafter to provide for maximum stability of the  
16 amounts of state subsidy provided to school administrative units  
18 through the general purpose aid for local schools program.

20 A. The state share of subsidy for fiscal year 2001-02 and  
22 for each fiscal year thereafter for operating costs, program  
24 costs, excluding the state share of bus purchases, and  
26 minimum subsidy may not be less than the state share of  
28 subsidy for fiscal year 2000-01 for operating costs, program  
30 costs, excluding the state share of bus purchases, and  
32 minimum subsidy and the fiscal year 2000-01 hold-harmless  
34 provision actually distributed in fiscal year 2000-01.

36 B. A school administrative unit may not receive a lesser  
38 amount of state subsidy than it received in fiscal year  
40 2000-01 if the property fiscal capacity used to determine a  
42 school administrative unit's fiscal capacity for fiscal year  
2001-02 and for each fiscal year thereafter increases from  
fiscal year 2000-01 or if the number of pupils used to  
determine a school administrative unit's subsidizable pupil  
count for fiscal year 2001-02 and for each fiscal year  
thereafter decreases from fiscal year 2000-01.

### SUMMARY

36 This bill provides an ongoing hold-harmless provision for  
38 the general purpose aid for local schools program. The bill  
40 requires that, beginning in fiscal year 2001-02 and for each  
42 fiscal year thereafter, the Legislature provide each school  
administrative unit with at least the same share of state subsidy  
that it received for fiscal year 2000-01 for operating costs,  
program costs, excluding the state share of bus purchases, and  
minimum subsidy.