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STATE OF MAINE  
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121ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 77, L.D. 69, Bill, "An Act To Clarify the Intent of School Budget Referendum Language"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15614, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. G, §§2 and 4, is amended to read:

A. An article in substantially the following form shall must be used when a school administrative unit is considering the appropriation of the foundation allocation.

(1) "Article : To see what sum the municipality/district will appropriate from the foundation allocation for school purposes (Recommend \$ ) and to see what sum the municipality/district will raise as the local share of the foundation allocation (Recommend \$ ).  
Explanation: The local share of the foundation allocation is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality/district must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars."

2       **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15614, sub-§2, ¶A**, as enacted by PL 1983,  
c. 859, Pt. G, §§2 and 4, is amended to read:

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6       A. An article in substantially the following form shall  
8       must be used when a school administrative unit is  
considering the appropriation for debt service allocation.

10               (1) "Article : To see what sum the  
12               municipality/district will raise as the local share of  
14               debt service (Recommend \$ ). Explanation: Debt  
16               service is the amount of money needed to repay the  
18               municipality/district's long-term debt for  
construction. In this municipality/district, the total  
debt owed is (\$ ). The local share of that debt is  
(\$ ) and the state-reimbursed share of that debt is  
(\$ )."

20       **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15614, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 1999, c.  
710, §12, is further amended to read:

22       **3. Additional local appropriation.** A school administrative  
24       unit may raise and expend funds for educational purposes in  
addition to the funds under subsections 1 and 2. An article in  
substantially the following form must be used when a school  
26       administrative unit is considering the appropriation of  
additional local funds:

28               "Article : To see what sum the municipality/district  
30               will raise and to appropriate the sum of (Recommend \$ )  
32               in additional local funds for school purposes under the  
Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15614.  
34               Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally  
36               raised funds over and above the total of local amounts  
38               raised that are described in the foundation and debt service  
budget articles that will help achieve the  
municipality/district's budget for educational programs."

## 40                               SUMMARY

42       This amendment strikes and replaces the bill to make  
44       technical corrections to the explanations provided for the  
foundation allocation article and the additional local  
appropriation article. The amendment contains the provisions of  
46       the bill that add language to the required format of school  
referenda articles to explain to the voters the meaning of the  
48       terms "foundation allocation," "debt service" and "additional

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2 local funds." The amendment also replaces the term "school  
district" with the term "municipality/district" to correspond to  
4 the existing statutory provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes,  
Title 20-A, section 15614.

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

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**121st Maine Legislature**  
**Office of Fiscal and Program Review**

**LD 69**

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**LR 1527(02)**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment**

**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Fiscal Note**

**State Mandate**

**Unit Affected**

**Costs**

**Description**

Municipality

Insignificant

Requires municipalities to add language to the required format of school referenda.