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House of Representatives, January 30, 2003

An Act To Amend the School Finance Act

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND
Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.

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

4 **CONCEPT DRAFT**
6 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

10 This bill proposes to amend the school funding formula by accomplishing the following:

12 1. The school funding formula would be changed so that it
14 would, during periods of diminishing state fiscal resources,
16 direct state subsidy to students in the classrooms rather than to
18 subsidize the costs for school administrators and limit the
amount of the state subsidy allocated to all school
administrative units for allowable reimbursements under the
school funding formula to the level of the previous school year's
state subsidy allocation;

20 2. All costs for school administrators would be removed
22 from the reimbursement formula for operating costs and program
24 costs, and school administrator costs would be included in a
separate category of the school funding formula and would be
reimbursed at a lower rate of reimbursement under the school
26 funding formula; and

28 3. The savings from reimbursing school administrator costs
30 at a lower rate would be redistributed to other program costs and
operating costs eligible for state subsidy under the school
32 funding formula.