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An Act To Provide Tuition Subsidies for Students in High-growth Areas

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative VAUGHAN of Durham.
Cosponsored by Representatives: GLYNN of South Portland, GOODWIN of Pembroke, JOY of Crystal, Senator: STANLEY of Penobscot.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15607, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by
PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. GG, §3, is amended to read:

6 **2. Subsidy indices.** Establish an operating cost millage, a
program millage limit and a debt service millage limit; and

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10 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15607, sub-§3, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 1999,
c. 401, Pt. GG, §3, is amended to read:

12 C. Foundation subsidies described in section 15610 and
14 section 15613, subsection 13 and in chapter 606-A; and

16 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15607, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

18 3-A. Education; tuition subsidy. If the commissioner
19 determines that a school district is experiencing high growth in
20 student enrollment or is facing a crisis of overcrowding,
21 appropriate necessary funds to allow that school district to pay
22 the parent's or guardian's cost of tuition for an appropriate
23 number of those students at another public, private or religious
24 school to alleviate that overcrowding.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill requires the Legislature to annually appropriate
29 funds to a school district that is experiencing high growth in
30 student enrollment or that is facing a crisis of overcrowding, as
31 determined by the Commissioner of Education, to allow an
32 appropriate number of those students to attend another public,
private or religious school to alleviate that overcrowding.