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House of Representatives, February 10, 2005

### **An Act To Amend the Maximum Allowable Tuition for Students in the Unorganized Territory**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
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Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, CLARK of Millinocket, JODREY of Bethel, JOY of Crystal, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, THOMPSON of China, Senator: PERRY 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 §3253-A, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1985, c.  
603, §1, is further amended to read:

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8       **3. Tuition.** The commissioner shall pay tuition for each  
10 tuition student in an amount equal to the official tuition rate  
12 approved pursuant to sections 5805, subsection 1; 5806~~r~~; 5809; or  
7302 for the receiving school for nonresident students enrolled  
in secondary schools or special education or vocational education  
programs, provided that the student maintains a satisfactory  
standard of deportment and scholarship.

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**SUMMARY**

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18       Under current law, the Commissioner of Education is required  
20 to pay for each tuition student from the unorganized territory  
22 attending public secondary schools in the State either an amount  
24 calculated to represent the sum of expenditures for public  
secondary education divided by the number of students or the  
state average per public secondary student cost, whichever is  
lower. This bill eliminates the state average cost as a possible  
tuition rate in these circumstances, and requires instead that  
the commissioner pay the amount calculated to represent the sum  
26 of expenditures divided by the number of students.