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House of Representatives, January 9, 2007

An Act To Require Changes in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula Concerning Labor Market Areas

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative EDGECOMB of Caribou.
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and
Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, BROWNE of Vassalboro, LUNDEEN of Mars Hill,
McFADDEN of Dennysville, SUTHERLAND of Chapman, Senator: RAYE of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15682, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. AAAA,
3 §9, is further amended to read:

4 The commissioner shall make a regional adjustment in the total operating allocation
5 for each school administrative unit determined pursuant to section 15683. The regional
6 adjustment must be based on the regional differences in teacher salary costs within labor
7 market areas in the State, as computed by a statewide education policy research institute,
8 and must be applied only to appropriate teacher salary and benefits costs as calculated
9 under section 15678 and salary and benefit costs of other school-level staff who are not
10 teachers as calculated under section 15679. Beginning in fiscal year 2007-08, the
11 regional adjustment must be 1.0 for all labor market areas in the State.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires that, beginning in fiscal year 2007-08, the regional adjustment to
14 the salary and benefits costs of teachers and other school personnel that is based on labor
15 market areas in the State must be 1.0 for all labor market areas in the State.