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House of Representatives, January 25, 2007

### An Act To Increase State Funding of Public Education

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRESSEY of Cornish.  
Cosponsored by Representative BERRY of Bowdoinham, Senator STRIMLING of Cumberland and Representatives: BARSTOW of Gorham, CEBRA of Naples, CLARK of Millinocket, EMERY of Cutler, ROBINSON of Raymond, TUTTLE of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D,  
3 §32 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is further amended to read:

4 A. The level of the state share of funding attributable to the cost of the components  
5 of essential programs and services must be at least 50% of eligible state and local  
6 General Fund education costs statewide; no later than fiscal year 2006-07; ~~and~~

7 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D,  
8 §32 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is further amended to read:

9 B. By fiscal year 2008-09 the state share of the total cost of funding public  
10 education from kindergarten to grade 12, as described by essential programs and  
11 services, must be 55%. Beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 and in each fiscal year until  
12 fiscal year 2008-09, the state share of essential programs and services described costs  
13 must increase toward the 55% level required in fiscal year 2008-09; and

14 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§1, ¶C** is enacted to read:

15 C. By fiscal year 2009-10 the state share of the total cost of funding public  
16 education from kindergarten to grade 12, as described by essential programs and  
17 services, must be 60%.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill increases the state share of the cost of funding public education to 60%  
20 beginning with fiscal year 2009-10.