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House of Representatives, January 29, 2007

### An Act To Limit Regional Adjustments to Teacher Salaries

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative TARDY of Newport.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, FITTS of Pittsfield, THOMAS of Ripley,  
Senators: PLOWMAN of Penobscot, SMITH of Piscataquis.

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

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

4 **§15682. Regional adjustment**

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

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill specifies that any regional adjustment multiplier applied to teacher salaries  
15 and benefits may not be less than 1.0.