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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 368,
L.D. 484, Bill, "An Act To Adjust the School Funding Formula with Regard to
Unorganized Territories"

Amend the amendment in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 4 and inserting
the following:

4. Tuition. The commissioner shall pay tuition for each tuition student in the
amount approved as the receiving administrative unit's official tuition cost pursuant to
section 5804 or 7302 ~~in an amount agreed upon between the commissioner and the school
board of the unit.~~

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting the
following:

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §3253-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1985, c. 603, §1 and
PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. D, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Tuition. Notwithstanding section 5805, subsection 2 and section 5809, the
commissioner shall pay tuition for each tuition student in an amount equal to the official
tuition rate approved pursuant to section 5805, subsection 1 for the receiving school for
nonresident students enrolled in secondary schools or special education or career and
technical education programs as long as the student maintains a satisfactory standard of
deportment and scholarship. The commissioner shall pay tuition for each tuition student
in an amount equal to the official tuition rate approved pursuant to section 7302 for the
receiving school for nonresident students enrolled in special education programs, as long
as the student maintains a satisfactory standard of deportment and scholarship.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and
allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Education in Unorganized Territory 0220

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 368, L.D. 484

1 Initiative: Provides funds for the increase in the tuition rates authorized to pay to
2 receiving school administrative units on behalf of tuition students from the unorganized
3 territories.

4	GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
5	All Other	\$305,768	\$321,057
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7	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$305,768	\$321,057

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9 **SUMMARY**

10 This amendment removes the requirement in the Committee Amendment "A" that
11 requires the Commissioner of Education to pay up to 110% of the receiving school
12 administrative unit's established tuition rate for each elementary school student who is a
13 tuition student from the unorganized territories and up to 110% of the state average per
14 public secondary student cost for each secondary school student who is a tuition student
15 from the unorganized territories. This amendment also removes the requirement from
16 Committee Amendment "A" that requires the Commissioner of Education to compute the
17 tuition paid for each tuition student and allocate the tuition costs to the property owners
18 from the unorganized unit where the tuition student resides.

19 Instead, this amendment requires the Commissioner of Education to pay each
20 receiving unit's actual per student cost incurred for educating students in that receiving
21 unit for both elementary and secondary students from the unorganized territories. This
22 amendment removes the provision in current law that allows the commissioner to pay the
23 lesser of the actual cost or the State average per-pupil cost.

24 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
25 (See attached)

26 **SPONSORED BY:**

27 (Senator ROTUNDO)

28 **COUNTY: Androscoggin**



Approved: 06/20/07 *MAC*

123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 484

LR 1291(06)

An Act To Adjust the School Funding Formula with Regard to Unorganized Territories

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "*A*" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	2007-08	2008-09	Projections 2009-10	Projections 2010-11
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$468,185)	(\$440,093)	(\$461,048)	(\$484,101)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$468,185)	(\$440,093)	(\$461,048)	(\$484,101)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by \$468,185 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$440,093 in fiscal year 2008-09.

As amended, this bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations of \$305,768 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$321,057 in fiscal year 2008-09 for the Education in the Unorganized Territory program within the Department of Education to fund the increased tuition costs for secondary school students.

As amended, this bill will increase General Fund revenue transferred from the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Fund within the Department of Audit to be collected for all property owners in the unorganized territory. The estimated revenue is equal to the estimated additional expenditures of \$305,768 in fiscal year 2007-08 and \$321,057 in fiscal year 2008-09.