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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "^N" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 383, L.D. 499, Bill, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations for the Expenditures of State Government, General Fund and Other Funds, and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2009"

Amend the amendment in Part XXXX in section 35 by striking out all of subsection 2 and inserting the following:

2. Notice of intent. By August 31, 2007, each school administrative unit shall file with the Commissioner of Education:

A. A notice of intent to engage in planning and negotiations with other school administrative units for the purpose of developing a reorganization plan to form a regional school unit under this Part and Title 20-A, chapter 103-A; or

B. A notice of intent to submit an alternative plan that meets the requirements of subsection 6, paragraph F. An alternative plan may be submitted only by a unit that is:

(1) An offshore island;

(2) A school operated by a tribal school committee pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 6214;

(3) A school administrative unit that serves more than 2,500 students, or 1,200 students where circumstances justify an exception to the requirement of 2,500 students under subsection 6, paragraph A, where expansion of the unit would be inconsistent with the policies set forth in Title 20-A, section 1451; or

(4) A school administrative unit that is designated as an efficient, high-performing district. For purposes of this subparagraph, a school administrative unit is designated an "efficient, high-performing district" if:

(a) It contains at least 3 schools identified as "higher performing" in the May 2007 Maine Education Policy Research Institute report "The Identification of Higher and Lower Performing Maine Schools"; and

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1 (b) Its reported 2005-2006 per-pupil expenditures for system administration
2 represent less than 4% of its total per-pupil expenditures.

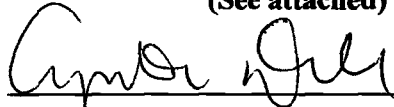
3 An efficient, high-performing district that files an alternative plan pursuant to this
4 paragraph is not required to include projected expenditures for fiscal year 2008-
5 09 that are 5% less than the projected expenditures in fiscal year 2007-08 as
6 specified in subsection 6, paragraph F, subparagraph (1).

7 The Commissioner of Education shall respond to each notice of intent by September 15,
8 2007, indicating whether the intended action complies with the requirements of this Part.
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10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment includes efficient, high-performing districts in the list of school
12 administrative units authorized to submit a notice of intent to submit an alternative plan
13 rather than a notice of intent to engage in negotiations to develop a reorganization plan,
14 and specifies that an efficient, high-performing district that files an alternative plan is not
15 required to include certain projected expenditures for fiscal year 2008-09 that are 5% less
16 than certain projected expenditures in fiscal year 2007-08.

17 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
18 (See attached)

19 **SPONSORED BY:** 
20 (Representative DILL)
21 **TOWN: Cape Elizabeth**



Approved: 06/04/07 *mac*

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Fiscal Note for House Amendment "N" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Rep. Dill of Cape Elizabeth

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No net fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will have no net effect on General Fund appropriations. The effect on fiscal year 2008-09 school subsidies to local school administrative units cannot be determined at this time.