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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "H" 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 by striking out all of Part XXXX and inserting the following:

PART XXXX

Sec. XXXX-1. 20-A MRSA §15680, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c.
504, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

A. System administration. The per-pupil amount for "system administration" is the
actual system administration expenditures, as defined in the State's accounting
handbook for local school systems, for the most recent year available excluding
expenditures for leases and the purchase of land and buildings, less revenues to
system administration for services to other governments and refunds from a statewide
school management association, divided by the average October and April enrollment
counts for that fiscal year and then inflated to an estimated allocation year level by a
10-year average increase in the Consumer Price Index or other comparable index.
Beginning in school year 2008-2009, this per-pupil amount must be based on school
year 2005-2006 system administration expenditures then reduced by 50% and
inflated to an estimated allocation year level by a 10-year average increase in the
Consumer Price Index or other comparable index;

Sec. XXXX-2. 20-A MRSA §15680, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c.
504, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

B. Operation and maintenance of plant. The per-pupil amount for "operation and
maintenance of plant" is the actual operation and maintenance of plant expenditures,
as defined in the State's accounting handbook for local school systems, for the most
recent year available excluding expenditures for leases and the purchase of land and
buildings, divided by the average October and April enrollment counts for that fiscal
year and then inflated to an estimated allocation year level by a 10-year average

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1 increase in the Consumer Price Index or other comparable index. For school year
2 2008-2009, the resulting per-pupil amount must be reduced by 5%;

3 **Sec. XXXX-3. 20-A MRSA §15681-A, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

4 **2-A. Reduction for fiscal year 2008-09.** For fiscal year 2008-09, the commissioner
5 shall reduce by 5% the allocation for special education costs as described in subsection 2.
6 These calculated special education costs for school administrative units for fiscal year
7 2008-09 are subject to the appeals procedure described in subsection 2.

8 **Sec. XXXX-4. 20-A MRSA §15681-A, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

9 **3-A. Reduction for fiscal year 2008-09.** For fiscal year 2008-09, the commissioner
10 shall reduce by 5% the allocation for transportation costs as described in subsection 3.
11 These calculated transportation costs for school administrative units for fiscal year 2008-
12 09 are subject to the appeals procedure described in subsection 3.

13 **Sec. XXXX-5. Stakeholder group.** The Department of Education shall convene
14 a stakeholder group to study proposals and strategies to reduce costs and achieve savings,
15 including proposals to consolidate school administrative units. The stakeholder group
16 shall report by January 10, 2010 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
17 jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs with its recommendations, including any
18 proposed implementing legislation. Following receipt and review of the report, the joint
19 standing committee may submit legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th
20 Legislature.'

21 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter
22 or section number to read consecutively.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This amendment retains the part of Committee Amendment "A" that makes decreases
25 in essential programs and services funding. The amendment also requires the Department
26 of Education to establish a stakeholder group to study proposals and strategies to reduce
27 costs and achieve savings, including proposals to consolidate school administrative units
28 and report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
29 education and cultural affairs by January 10, 2010.

30 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

31 (See attached)

32 **SPONSORED BY:** 
33 (Senator DAMON)

34 **COUNTY:** Hancock



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

Sponsor: Sen. Damon of Hancock

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No net fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment does not affect General Fund appropriations during the 2008-2009 biennium.