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4 STATE OF MAINE

5 SENATE

6 123RD LEGISLATURE

7 FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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

13 Amend the amendment in Part XXXX in section 13 in §1481 in the first paragraph in
14 the 3rd line (page 771, line 18 in amendment) by inserting after the following:
15 "purposes." the following: 'A regional school unit has authority over the raising of funds
16 and the expending of funds.'

17 Amend the amendment in Part XXXX in section 13 in §1481 in subsection 1 in the
18 2nd line (page 771, line 26 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "chapter" the
19 following: 'Nothing in this section may be construed to require that such an agreement
20 be modified solely as a result of the reorganization of a school administrative unit to a
21 regional school unit'

22 Amend the amendment in Part XXXX in section 13 in §1486 in subsection 3 in
23 paragraph G in subparagraph (1) in the 3rd and 4th lines (page 775, lines 19 and 20 in
24 amendment) by striking out the following: "and that includes locally raised funds that
25 exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and
26 Services Funding Act"

27 Amend the amendment in Part XXXX in section 13 in §1486 in subsection 3 in
28 paragraph G by striking out all of the last 3 lines (page 775, lines 21 to 23 in amendment)
29 and inserting the following:

30 'Yes No'

31 Amend the amendment in Part XXXX in section 13 in §1491 in subsection 1 in the
32 first line (page 779, line 37 in amendment) by inserting after the following: "for" the
33 following: 'purposes including but not limited to'

34 Amend the amendment in Part XXXX in section 29 in subsection 3-A in paragraph B
35 in the first line (page 791, line 31 in amendment) by striking out the following: "For
36 Except as provided in paragraph B-1, for" and inserting the following: 'For'

1 Amend the amendment in Part XXXX in section 29 in subsection 3-A by striking out
2 all of paragraph B-1 (page 791, lines 38 to 40 and page 792, lines 1 to 4 in amendment)

3 Amend the amendment in Part XXXX in section 35 in subsection 6 in paragraph F in
4 subparagraph (1) in the last line (page 797, line 11 in amendment) by striking out the
5 following: "2007-08; and" and inserting '2007-08.'

6 Amend the amendment in Part XXXX in section 35 in subsection 6 in paragraph F by
7 striking out all of subparagraph (2) (page 797, lines 12 to 15 in amendment)

8 Amend the amendment in Part XXXX by inserting after section 46 the following:

9 'Sec. XXXX-47. **Budget referenda; implementing legislation.** No later than
10 January 31, 2008, the Commissioner of Education shall submit to the Joint Standing
11 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs proposed legislation authorizing regional
12 school unit boards to conduct necessary budget referenda on the municipal level.'

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

15 SUMMARY

16 This amendment accomplishes the following:

17 1. It specifies that a regional school unit has authority over the raising of funds and
18 the expending of funds;

19 2. It specifies that an existing cost-sharing agreement need not be modified solely
20 because the school administrative unit is reorganized into a regional school unit;

21 3. It removes language from the referendum question to be presented to voters voting
22 on a school budget that exceeds maximum state and local spending targets;

23 4. It removes limitations on the purposes for which a regional school unit may
24 establish a reserve fund;

25 5. It removes language specifying that, for a regional school unit, if the contribution
26 is less than 2 mills multiplied by the property fiscal capacity of the municipality, the
27 municipality's contribution is an amount equal to 2 mills multiplied by the property fiscal
28 capacity of the municipality;

29 6. It removes language directing that for fiscal year 2008-09, the projected
30 expenditures of the reorganized school unit for system administration must be more than
31 the legislatively approved rate; and

32 7. It directs the Commissioner of Education to submit to the Joint Standing
33 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs proposed legislation authorizing regional
34 school unit boards to conduct necessary budget referenda on the municipal level.

35 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

36 (See attached)

SENATE AMENDMENT "J" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 383, L.D. 499

1 SPONSORED BY: Dennis L. Damon

2 (Senator DAMON)

3 COUNTY: Hancock



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123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 499

LR 2452(32)

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

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "J" 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 and a balanced budget is maintained.