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An Act To Restore Income as a Factor in the Determination of Fiscal Capacity in the School Funding Formula

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative EBERLE of South Portland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLISS of South Portland, KAENRATH of South Portland,
Senator: BROMLEY of Cumberland.

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

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CONCEPT DRAFT

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SUMMARY

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

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6 This bill proposes to preserve the provisions of the Essential Programs and Services
7 Funding Act that determine each school administrative unit's total allocation, but to
8 discontinue the method of determining the local share and the state share of the total
9 allocation by means of the maximum mill rate expectation system. The bill would restore
10 the structure of the school subsidy distribution system that was discontinued in fiscal year
11 2005-06. Prior to fiscal year 2005-06, the school funding formula utilized a combination
12 of relative local property valuation, weighted at 85%, and relative local median income,
weighted at 15%, to determine the local share of the total allocation.