

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 502

March 15, 2007

### **An Act To Adopt a Regional Cost Differential for State Salaries, School Funding and Contracted Services**

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Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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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This bill proposes to adopt a cost-of-living differential based on housing cost variations among the State's 31 labor market areas, as determined by the federal Department of Labor using commuting patterns from the 2000 U.S. Census. Under this bill, this regional adjustment would then be applied to the essential programs and services school funding formula, state employee salary negotiations and contracts for services by the Department of Health and Human Services and other state agencies.

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