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House of Representatives, March 21, 2007

An Act To Clarify the Method of Education Cost Sharing among Certain Municipalities

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BABBIDGE of Kennebunk.

Cosponsored by Senator SULLIVAN of York and

Representatives: CONNOR of Kennebunk, DRISCOLL of Westbrook, Senator: MITCHELL of Kennebec.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15688, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §57
3 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is further amended to read:

4 **4. Method of cost sharing; exception.** For the purpose of local cost sharing, the
5 provisions of subsection 3-A do not apply to municipalities that are members of a school
6 administrative district or a community school district whose cost sharing formula was
7 established or validated pursuant to private and special law prior to January 1, 2004. For
8 each municipality that is a member of a school administrative district or a community
9 school district whose cost sharing formula was established or validated pursuant to
10 private and special law prior to January 1, 2004, the cost sharing formula established or
11 validated pursuant to private and special law determines each municipality's local cost of
12 education.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill clarifies that certain provisions of the Essential Programs and Services
15 Funding Act that govern cost sharing among municipalities in a school administrative
16 district or community school district do not apply to municipalities that are members of a
17 school administrative district or a community school district whose cost sharing formula
18 was validated pursuant to private and special law prior to January 1, 2004. Current law
19 provides an exemption from those provisions for municipalities whose formulas were
20 established pursuant to private and special law.