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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1204, L.D. 1721, Bill, "An Act Regarding the Sharing of Educational Costs in School Administrative Units of Multiple Municipalities"

Amend the bill in section 2 in §15688 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2009" and inserting the following: '2008'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §15688 in subsection 3-A in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 1 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2009" and inserting the following: '2008'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §15688 in subsection 3-A in paragraph B in the last line (page 2, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2009" and inserting the following: '2008'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §15688 in subsection 3-A in paragraph B-1 in the first line (page 2, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2009" and inserting the following: '2008'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §15688 in subsection 3-A in paragraph C in the first line (page 2, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2009" and inserting the following: '2008'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §15688 in subsection 3-A in paragraph C in the last line (page 2, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2009" and inserting the following: '2008'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §15688 in subsection 3-A in paragraph C-1 in the first line (page 2, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2009" and inserting the following: '2008'

Amend the bill in section 2 in §15688 in subsection 3-A in paragraph D in the last line (page 2, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2009" and inserting the following: '2008'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1204, L.D. 1721

1 Amend the bill in section 2 in §15688 in subsection 3-A in paragraph D-1 in the first
2 line (page 2, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2009" and inserting the
3 following: '2008'

4 Amend the bill in section 2 in §15688 by striking out subsection 3-B (page 2, lines 37
5 to 40 and page 3, lines 1 to 11 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

6 **'3-B. Member municipalities in school administrative districts or community**
7 **school districts; contribution.** Beginning July 1, 2008, for each municipality that is a
8 **member of a school administrative district or community school district, the**
9 **commissioner shall annually determine each municipality's contribution to the total cost**
10 **of education in accordance with this subsection. A municipality's contribution to the total**
11 **cost of education must be determined by a cost-sharing formula established by the**
12 **department by rule. The formula must assign each municipality its share of the unit's**
13 **contribution to the total cost of education determined under subsection 3-A, paragraph C.**
14 **The cost-sharing formula must establish the contribution levels in a manner that ensures**
15 **that no less than 50% of the unit's contribution to the total cost of education is shared**
16 **primarily on the basis of the comparative wealth of each municipality calculated at least**
17 **in part using the property fiscal capacity of each municipality. Rules adopted under this**
18 **subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.'**

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education
21 and Cultural Affairs. The amendment strikes the provision of the bill that requires the
22 inclusion of the relative pupil counts of each member municipality in the Department of
23 Education rules that establish the cost-sharing formula that determines each
24 municipality's contribution to the total cost of education of the school district. The
25 amendment also strikes the provision that permits the inclusion of other factors in the
26 rules that the department determines to be relevant and appropriate to the cost-sharing
27 formula. Finally, the amendment changes the implementation date for the initiatives
28 proposed in the bill from July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2008.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
30 **(See attached)**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1721

LR 2396(02)

An Act Regarding the Sharing of Educational Costs in School Administrative Units of Multiple Municipalities

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No state fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation will not affect the funding of the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education. However, changing the cost-sharing formula for municipalities in school administrative districts composed of more than one municipality will result in a fiscal impact to the member municipalities in most of the existing multiple town school administrative districts and community school districts beginning in fiscal year 2008-09. The impact can not be determined at this time.