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9 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1282, L.D. 1839, Bill, "An Act To 10 Further the Implementation of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act"

11 Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the 12 summary and inserting the following:

13 'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 660, §1, is 14 amended to read:

15 5. Local control of expenditures. Except for those components that are targeted funds, funds Funds provided for the essential programs and services described in this section must be distributed as general purpose aid for local schools, and each school administrative unit shall make its own determination regarding the configuration of resources best suited for its pupils and how to allocate available funds for these resources.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. LL, §1,
is further amended to read:

22 6. Targeted funds. Funds for technology, implementation of a standards-based 23 system and the costs of additional investments in educating children in kindergarten a 24 public preschool program to grade 2 as described in section 15681 must be provided as 25 targeted allocations. School administrative units shall submit a plan for the use of these 26 funds and receive funding based on approval of the plan by the commissioner. Beginning 27 in fiscal year 2008-09, each school administrative unit shall make its own determination regarding how to allocate the targeted funds allocations. The first priority for use of the 28 29 targeted funds allocated must be to provide resources for the targeted funds components described in section 15681. After making a determination that it has provided adequate 30 31 resources for the targeted funds components described in section 15681, a school 32 administrative unit may allocate any remaining targeted funds allocations to provide 33 resources for any other cost component of essential programs and services described in 34 this chapter that it determines is best suited for its pupils.'

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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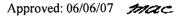
This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment strikes and replaces the bill and eliminates the current requirements in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that school administrative units submit a plan for the use of targeted funds and receive funding based on approval of the plan by the Commissioner of Education.

7 Current law provides that school administrative units must submit a plan for approval by the Commissioner of Education in order to receive and spend targeted funds for the 8 9 essential programs and services cost components pertaining to public preschool program to grade 2 education, educational technology and implementing a standards-based 10 educational system. The amendment provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2008-09, a 11 school administrative unit shall make its own determination regarding how to allocate 12 targeted funds. The amendment also establishes that the first priority for use of the 13 targeted funds allocated must be to provide resources for the targeted funds components, 14 15 but that after making a determination that it has provided adequate resources for the targeted funds components, a school administrative unit may allocate any remaining 16 17 targeted funds allocations to provide resources for any other cost component of the 18 Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that it determines is best suited for its 19 pupils.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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An Act To Further the Implementation of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill will not affect the total cost of K-12 public education or the amount of state subsidy received by local school administrative units.