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STATE OF MAINE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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123RD LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "*B*" to S.P. 741, L.D. 1932, Bill, "An Act To Amend the
9 Laws Regarding School Funding"

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Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the
11 following:

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'PART A'

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 11 the following:

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'PART B

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Sec. B-1. Minimum state subsidy for school funding. Notwithstanding the
16 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Part 7, the minimum state subsidy for school funding
17 beginning with the 2008-2009 school year is established pursuant to this section.

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1. Except as provided in subsections 2 and 3, the minimum level of state aid to
19 education funding on a per-pupil basis is 25% of the state average tuition.

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2. If more than 33% but no more than 40% of the children in a municipality are
21 eligible for free or reduced-price meals, the minimum level of state aid to education
22 funding on a per-pupil basis for that municipality is 35% of the state average tuition.

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3. If more than 40% of the children in a municipality are eligible for free or reduced-
24 price meals, the minimum level of state aid to education funding on a per-pupil basis for
25 that municipality is 40% of the state average tuition.

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Sec. B-2. Implementing legislation. The Department of Education shall submit
27 legislation implementing the provisions of section 1 to the First Regular Session of the
28 124th Legislature no later than December 5, 2008.'

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
30 section number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment establishes a minimum state subsidy for school funding of 25% of the state average tuition. A municipality can qualify for a higher subsidy of 35% if between 33% and 40% of the children in that municipality qualify for free or reduced-price meals and a higher subsidy of 40% if more than 40% of the children in that municipality qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

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The Department of Education is required to submit implementing legislation to the 124th Legislature.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

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SPONSORED BY: *Pat B Johnson*

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(Representative JOHNSON)

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TOWN: Greenville



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LD 1932

LR 3324(10)

An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding School Funding

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "*B*"

Sponsor: Rep. Johnson of Greenville

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No net fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Although this legislation will not impact the total state and local cost of funding K-12 public education, beginning in fiscal year 2008-09 it may affect the distribution of subsidy to local school administrative units with some units receiving more subsidy and some units receiving less subsidy. The impact to individual school administrative units can not be determined at this time.