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

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 931, L.D. 2323, Bill, "An Act To Remove Barriers to the Reorganization of School Administrative Units"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 31 the following:

Sec. 32. Formation of regional school unit by School Union 60 and School Administrative District No. 12. Notwithstanding the minimum regional school unit size requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1461, subsection 3, paragraph B, School Union 60 and School Administrative District No. 12 are authorized to submit a reorganization plan for consolidation into a regional school unit to the Commissioner of Education. The commissioner may not disapprove the plan on the basis of the size of the proposed school unit.


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

SUMMARY

This amendment provides an exception to the minimum regional school unit size requirements for School Union 60 and School Administrative District No. 12 to allow them to submit a plan for reorganization as a regional school unit due to their geographic isolation and the low population density of northern Piscataquis and Somerset counties. The Commissioner of Education may not disapprove the plan solely because it fails to meet the minimum size requirements.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative JOHNSON)
TOWN: Greenville



Approved: 04/16/08 *MAC*

123rd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2323

LR 3653(02)

An Act To Remove Barriers to the Reorganization of School Administrative Units

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "B"
Sponsor: Rep. Johnson of Greenville
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

No State fiscal impact

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment will not change the total state and local cost of K-12 public education or the State's share of that cost. Providing an exception to the minimum regional school unit size requirements for School Union 60 and School Administrative District 12 due to their geographic isolation and low population density is not expected to significantly change the amount of savings anticipated to be achieved as a result of the reorganization of school administrative units into regional school units pursuant to Public Law 2007, chapter 240, Part XXXX.