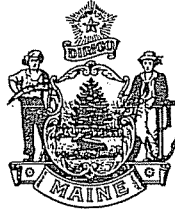


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House of Representatives, January 20, 2009

**An Act To Require the Department of Education To Provide an
Accounting of School Subsidy Based on Individual Members in a
Regional School Unit or Alternative Organizational Structure**

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

Millicent M. MacFarland
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Clerk

Presented by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill.

Cosponsored by Representatives: AYOTTE of Caswell, CLEARY of Houlton, EATON of Sullivan, GIFFORD of Lincoln, JOHNSON of Greenville, JOY of Crystal.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689-B, sub-§2, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D,
3 §61 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is amended to read:

4 A. The commissioner shall annually, prior to February 1st, notify each school board
5 of the estimated amount to be allocated to the school administrative unit.
6 Notwithstanding any other law and beginning in fiscal year 2009-10, the notification
7 of allocation provided to the governing bodies of regional school units and alternative
8 organizational structures must be made as follows.

9 (1) For each regional school unit that is comprised of more than one
10 municipality, the commissioner shall notify the governing body of the
11 computation and the estimated amount to be allocated to the regional school unit
12 and to each municipality within the regional school unit.

13 (2) For each alternative organizational structure that is serving as the school
14 administrative unit for the purposes of this chapter for its member entities, the
15 commissioner shall notify the governing body of the alternative organizational
16 structure of the computation and the estimated amount to be allocated to the
17 alternative organizational structure and to each member entity within the
18 alternative organizational structure.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 Current law requires the Commissioner of Education to notify school boards of the
21 amount of school subsidy to be allocated to school administrative units. This bill requires
22 the Commissioner of Education to also provide the governing bodies of regional school
23 units and alternative organizational structures with the computation and the amount of the
24 allocation of school subsidy that the commissioner has estimated for the regional school
25 units and each member municipality in the regional school unit or for the alternative
26 organizational structure and each member entity in the alternative organizational
27 structure.