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**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Consolidation of School  
Administrative Units To Delay All Penalties for 2 Years**

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SCHATZ of Blue Hill.  
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and  
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, GIFFORD of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15696, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 668, §§39 to 41  
3 and c. 695, Pt. A, §23, is further amended to read:

4 **1. Authorized adjustments.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, the  
5 following adjustments to the calculation of subsidy under chapter 606-B are required  
6 beginning July 1, ~~2009~~ 2011 for a school administrative unit that is not a conforming  
7 school administrative unit:

8 A. The school administrative unit is eligible for only 50% of the minimum state  
9 allocation under section 15689, subsection 1;

10 B. The school administrative unit's total cost of education is reduced by adjusting the  
11 cost component for system administration under section 15680, subsection 1,  
12 paragraph A by half;

13 C. The school administrative unit is not eligible for a transition adjustment under  
14 section 15686 or any comparable year-over-year transition amount;

15 D. The school administrative unit receives less favorable consideration for approval  
16 and funding for school construction pursuant to rules of the state board; and

17 E. The school administrative unit's full-value education mill rate pursuant to section  
18 15671-A is increased by 2% for the purpose of calculating the school administrative  
19 unit's required contribution to meet the local share of education costs established  
20 pursuant to section 15688, subsection 3-A.

21 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill delays any financial penalties imposed on a school administrative unit for  
23 nonconformance with the laws governing the reorganization of school administrative  
24 units until the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2011.