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An Act To Control Education Administrative Costs

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative BOLDUC of Auburn.

	be it enacted by the respic of the State of Manne as follows.
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15679, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 504, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:
.4 5	1. Salary and benefit costs; other school level positions. The commissioner shall annually determine, for each school administrative unit, the salary and benefit costs of all
6	school level positions other than teaching positions, referred to in this section as "staff,"
7 8	that are necessary to carry out this Act. For the purposes of this section, "school administrative staff" means the positions of principal, assistant principal and special
9	education coordinator.
10 11	Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15679, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 504, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:
12 13	2. Students-to-staff ratios. In calculating the salary and benefit costs pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall utilize the following student-to-staff ratios.
14	A. For the elementary school level and the middle school level:
15	(1) The student-to-education technician ratio is 100:1;
16	(2) The student-to-guidance staff ratio is 350:1;
17	(3) The student-to-librarian ratio is 800:1;
18	(4) The student-to-media assistant ratio is 500:1;
19	(5) The student-to-health staff ratio is 800:1;
20	(6) The student-to-school administrative staff ratio is 305:1 500:1; and
21	(7) The student-to-clerical staff ratio is 200:1.
22	B. For the high school level:
23	(1) The student-to-education technician ratio is 250:1;
24	(2) The student-to-guidance staff ratio is 250:1;
25	(3) The student-to-librarian ratio is 800:1;
26	(4) The student-to-media assistant ratio is 500:1;
27	(5) The student-to-health staff ratio is 800:1;
28	(6) The student-to-school administrative staff ratio is 315:1 500:1; and
29	(7) The student-to-clerical staff ratio is 200:1.
30	SUMMARY
31	This bill changes the ratio of students to school administrative staff used to calculate
· 32 33	salary and benefit costs to 500:1. It defines "school administrative staff" as principals, assistant principals and special education coordinators.
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