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House of Representatives, February 19, 2009

An Act To Phase Out the Distribution of the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund under the State-municipal Revenue Sharing Program over a 5-year Period

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative SHAW of Standish.

Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and
Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, CEBRA of Naples, CROCKETT of Bethel, DAVIS of
Sangerville, EATON of Sullivan, FOSSEL of Alna, HUNT of Buxton, MacDONALD of
Boothbay, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, McKANE of Newcastle, NASS of Acton, PIEH of
Bremen, Speaker PINGREE of North Haven, PINKHAM of Lexington Township,
ROBINSON of Raymond, SARTY of Denmark, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, THOMAS of Ripley,
TILTON of Harrington, WEAVER of York, Senators: BLISS of Cumberland, GOOLEY of
Franklin, McCORMICK of Kennebec, PLOWMAN of Penobscot, TRAHAN of Lincoln,
WESTON of Waldo.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	CONCEPT DRAFT
3	SUMMARY
4	This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.
5 6 7 8	This bill proposes to gradually restore over a 5-year period the system of distributing state-municipal revenue sharing to the system that was in place prior to 2000 when the distribution system was bifurcated into the so-called "Rev I," Local Government Fund and "Rev II," Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund, systems.
9 10 11	The bill would accomplish this restoration by reestablishing the pre-2000 Local Government Fund system as the sole method of distributing state-municipal revenue sharing on and after fiscal year 2014-15.
12 13 14 15 16	Beginning with fiscal year 2009-10, the bill would require the Treasurer of State to capture 20% of the Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund and redistribute it through the Local Government Fund. The bill would require an additional 20% of the "Rev II' distribution to be similarly redistributed through the "Rev I" system during each subsequent fiscal year until fiscal year 2014-15, when the single distribution system would be fully implemented.