

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2009

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No. 1221

S.P. 454

In Senate, March 26, 2009

### An Act To Remove the Local Requirement for Education Funding

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator COURTNEY of York.

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

2               **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15671-A, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

3               **6. Below maximum state and local spending target.** Notwithstanding the  
4       provisions of this chapter, if a school administrative unit adopts a credible budget that  
5       funds public education from kindergarten to grade 12 at an amount below the maximum  
6       state and local spending target under subsection 4, the school administrative unit's  
7       required contribution under section 15688, subsection 3-A must be reduced by an amount  
8       equal to the difference between the maximum state and local spending target and the  
9       unit's budget.

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#### SUMMARY

11               This bill provides that if a school administrative unit adopts a credible budget that is  
12       below the maximum state and local spending target under the Essential Programs and  
13       Services Funding Act the school administrative unit's required contribution must be  
14       reduced by the amount of the savings.