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House of Representatives, March 26, 2009

An Act To Equalize the Regional Salary Cost Index under the School Funding Formula

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

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Presented by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville.

Cosponsored by Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, CROCKETT of Bethel, EATON of Sullivan, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, MacDONALD of Boothbay, McFADDEN of Dennysville, SCHATZ of Blue Hill, THOMAS of Ripley.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15682, as amended by PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. AAAA, §9, is further amended to read:

§15682. Regional adjustment

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The commissioner shall make a regional adjustment in the total operating allocation for each school administrative unit determined pursuant to section 15683. The regional adjustment must be based on the regional differences in teacher salary costs within labor market areas in the State, as computed by a statewide education policy research institute, and must be applied only to appropriate teacher salary and benefits costs as calculated under section 15678 and salary and benefit costs of other school-level staff who are not teachers as calculated under section 15679. <u>Beginning in fiscal year 2010-11</u>, the regional adjustment must be 1.0 for all labor market areas in the State.

SUMMARY

14 This bill requires that, beginning in fiscal year 2010-11, the regional adjustment to 15 the salary and benefits costs of teachers and other school personnel that is based on labor 16 market areas in the State must be 1.0 for all labor market areas in the State.

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