

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
124TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 855, L.D. 1235, Bill, "An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2009-10"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2009-10 and To Make Other Changes Related to the Municipal Cost Components'**

Amend the bill by inserting before section 1 the following:

**'Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §246, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 636, §2, is further amended to read:**

**3. Legislation.** The fiscal administrator shall prepare and submit legislation to the Legislature by March 1st, annually, providing for the requests made by counties and state agencies for services provided in the unorganized territory that are entitled to funding under Title 36, chapter 115. ~~Legislation submitted pursuant to this subsection must also include a notation as to any tax enhancement programs that have been approved by the county commissioners.~~ The administrator may not reject or change a budget submitted by a county or state agency without the approval of the county or agency making the request.'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. Municipal cost components for services rendered.** In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 2009-10 is as follows:

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1	Audit - Fiscal Administration	\$206,711
2	Education	13,856,450
3		
4	Forest Fire Protection	160,000
5	Human Services - General Assistance	59,000
6	Property Tax Assessment - Operations	824,349
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8	Maine Land Use Regulation Commission - Operations	487,977
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10	TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	<u>\$15,594,486</u>
11	County Reimbursements for Services:	
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13	Aroostook	\$885,417
14	Franklin	564,825
15	Hancock	154,505
16	Kennebec	872
17	Oxford	480,525
18	Penobscot	885,380
19	Piscataquis	1,389,350
20	Somerset	888,306
21	Washington	762,597
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23	TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	<u>\$6,011,777</u>
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25	TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	<u>\$21,606,264</u>
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27	COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT	
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29	Requirements	\$21,606,264
30	Less Deductions:	
31	General -	
32	State Revenue Sharing	\$265,000
	Homestead Reimbursement	100,000
	Miscellaneous Revenues	50,000
	TOTAL	<u>\$415,000</u>

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Land Reserved Trust	\$80,000
Tuition/Travel	250,000
Miscellaneous	5,000
Special - Teacher Retirement	200,000
TOTAL	<hr/> \$535,000
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<hr/> \$950,000
TAX ASSESSMENT	<hr/> \$20,656,264
COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT	
Requirements	\$21,606,264
Less Deductions:	
General -	
State Revenue Sharing	\$265,000
Homestead Reimbursement	100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	50,000
TOTAL	<hr/> \$415,000
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TOTAL	<hr/> \$535,000
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TAX ASSESSMENT	<hr/> \$20,656,264

33       **Sec. 2. Increase in growth limitation.** Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,  
34 Title 36, section 1611, subsection 3, paragraph B, the Legislature intends by this Act to  
35 exceed the municipal cost component growth limitation for the state component by  
36 \$1,475,109 and to increase the municipal cost component growth limitation for the state  
37 component by the remainder of the amount provided in this Act.'

38       Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
39 section number to read consecutively.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



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**SUMMARY**

This amendment increases the municipal cost components for education and the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission - Operations to account for changes made in other legislation. The amendment also expresses the intent of the Legislature to extend the growth limitation for the state component of the municipal cost component by \$1,475,109 and to increase the growth limitation for the state component of the municipal cost component by the remainder required. In addition, this amendment strikes from the bill the notation regarding approved tax enhancement programs and eliminates the language in the statutes that requires such notations.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
(See Attached)  
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# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1235

LR 1927(02)

**An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered  
in Fiscal Year 2009-10**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"**

**Committee: Taxation**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

No net fiscal impact

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amounts in the bill for the state costs included in the municipal cost components are based on budgeted expenditures for fiscal year 2009-10. These costs are incorporated into the tax assessment for the unorganized territory, which is collected as dedicated revenue to the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund. Transfers are then made to the other dedicated accounts for certain expenditures related to the Unorganized Territory and to the General Fund to reimburse for actual General Fund expenditures included in the municipal cost components. This bill will not affect budgeted General Fund revenue or appropriations.