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STATE OF MAINE
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SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 670, L.D. 1747, Bill, "An Act To Allow the Town of Wells and the Town of Ogunquit To Amend the Terms of Their Cost-sharing Agreement for Their Community School District and To Provide Each Town the Ability To Withdraw from the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District"

Amend the amendment by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting the following:

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

'An Act Related to Cost Sharing for the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. Wells-Ogunquit Community School District; mandatory mediation of cost-sharing agreement. By September 1, 2010, the Town of Wells and the Town of Ogunquit may enter into mediation of any disputes related to the sharing of costs for the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District. If the towns enter into mediation they shall jointly choose a mediator from among alternative dispute resolution providers qualified by the Supreme Judicial Court under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 18-B, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. Binding arbitration. If mediation under section 1 is not successfully concluded by August 31, 2011, the towns may jointly agree to an extension or one or both towns may require that the issues in dispute be settled by binding arbitration under the Maine Uniform Arbitration Act.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the committee amendment and authorizes the Town of Wells and the Town of Ogunquit to enter into mediation of any disputes related to the sharing of costs for the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District. If mediation is not successful after one year, either or both towns may seek binding arbitration under the Maine Uniform Arbitration Act.

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