

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

MINORITY

L.D. 1782

Date: 3-25-10

(Filing No. S-465)

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate.

STATE OF MAINE

SENATE

124TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 686, L.D. 1782, Bill, "An Act To Exempt the Town of Hermon from the School Administrative Unit Consolidation Law"

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

'An Act To Exempt from Penalties School Administrative Units That Would Lose State Subsidy as a Result of Reorganization'

Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble (page 1, lines 1 to 18 in L.D.)

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

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15696, sub-§2 is enacted to read:

2. Exception. The adjustments required by subsection 1 may not be made with regard to a school administrative unit that is nonconforming because the school administrative unit would lose state subsidy as a result of its reorganization under chapter 103-A or if its reorganization failed because one of the school administrative units participating in the reorganization process would lose state subsidy as a result of reorganization or because the reorganization plan would not have provided any greater educational benefit to students than what is provided to students enrolled in the schools currently operated by the school administrative units participating in the reorganization process.'

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee. The amendment changes the title, removes emergency provisions and provides an exemption from the penalties established for nonconforming school administrative units under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15696 because the school administrative unit would lose state subsidy as a result of the reorganization plan or if the reorganization failed to be approved by voters because one of the school administrative units participating in the

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

R. G. S.  
COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 686, L.D. 1782

1 reorganization process would lose state subsidy as a result of reorganization or because  
2 the reorganization plan would not have provided any greater educational benefit to  
3 students enrolled in one of the school administrative units participating in the  
4 reorganization process.

5 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

6 (See attached)



# 124th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1782

LR 2428(02)

## An Act To Exempt the Town of Hermon from the School Administrative Unit Consolidation Law

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

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

---

### Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Given that school administrative units have already been notified of the amount of state subsidy they will receive for the 2010-2011 school year, this fiscal note assumes that the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program within the Department of Education will require a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year 2010-11 as a result of exempting nonconforming school administrative units under certain conditions. The amount to be appropriated will depend on the number of nonconforming school administrative units that are exempted and the corresponding penalty.

This legislation may impact the total state and local cost of K-12 public education beginning in fiscal year 2011-12 and the State's share of that cost. This legislation could also affect the distribution of state subsidy to both conforming and nonconforming school administrative units in future biennia. The impact to individual school administrative units can not be determined at this time.