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H.P. 452

House of Representatives, February 17, 2011

An Act To Provide Assistance to Economically Disadvantaged Students

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville.
Cosponsored by Senator THOMAS of Somerset and
Representatives: CROCKETT of Bethel, McKANE of Newcastle, SARTY of Denmark,
TILTON of Harrington, Senator: RECTOR of Knox.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

3 **11. Minimum economically disadvantaged student adjustment.** Beginning in
4 fiscal year 2012-13, and for each subsequent fiscal year, each school administrative unit
5 may receive an adjustment for economically disadvantaged students determined as
6 follows.

7 A. A school administrative unit is eligible for the adjustment for economically
8 disadvantaged students under the following conditions:

9 (1) The school administrative unit receives an adjustment for the minimum state
10 allocation pursuant to subsection 1;

11 (2) The school administrative unit's percentage of economically disadvantaged
12 students as determined pursuant to section 15675, subsection 2 is greater than the
13 state average percentage of economically disadvantaged students; and

14 (3) The school administrative unit operates a school.

15 B. The amount of the adjustment for economically disadvantaged students is the
16 difference, but not less than zero, between the state share of the total allocation under
17 this chapter and the amount computed as the school administrative unit's total
18 allocation for economically disadvantaged students, multiplied by the relevant
19 percentage in subsection 1, paragraph B.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill provides an adjustment for a school administrative unit that is a minimum
22 subsidy receiver if its percentage of economically disadvantaged students is greater than
23 the state average.