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House of Representatives, January 15, 2013

**An Act To Exclude Certain State-funded Costs from the State Share
of the Total Cost of Funding Public Education**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MASON of Topsham.
Cosponsored by Senator GOODALL of Sagadahoc and
Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, HARLOW of Portland, KORNFIELD of
Bangor, KUSIAK of Fairfield, MacDONALD of Boothbay, PLANTE of Berwick, RUSSELL
of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§7, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. C,
3 §4, is further amended to read:

4 C. Beginning in fiscal year ~~2011-12~~ 2013-14, the annual ~~targets~~ target for the state
5 share percentage of the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to
6 grade 12 including the cost of the components of essential programs and services ~~plus~~
7 ~~the state contributions to teacher retirement, retired teachers' health insurance and~~
8 ~~retired teachers' life insurance are as follows~~ is 55%.

9 (1) ~~For fiscal year 2011-12, the target is 49.47%.~~

10 (2) ~~For fiscal year 2012-13, the target is 50%.~~

11 (3) ~~For fiscal year 2013-14 and succeeding years, the target is 55%.~~

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2013-14, the state contributions to
14 teacher retirement, retired teachers' health insurance and retired teachers' life insurance
15 may not be included in the calculation of the state share percentage of the total cost of
16 funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as required by the Essential
17 Programs and Services Funding Act.