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H.P. 743

House of Representatives, March 25, 2015

**An Act To Ensure Equitable Support of Education for Maine
Students in School Administrative District No. 6 and School
Administrative District No. 44**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative AUSTIN of Gray.
Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and
Representatives: FECTEAU of Biddeford, GERRISH of Lebanon, HEAD of Bethel,
McCLELLAN of Raymond, O'CONNOR of Berwick, TIMMONS of Cumberland, VACHON
of Scarborough.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15688, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

3 **2-A. Municipalities in School Administrative District No. 6 and School**
4 **Administrative District No. 44.** With regard to the local cost of education for member
5 municipalities in School Administrative District No. 6 and School Administrative District
6 No. 44, the cost-sharing formulas established between these member municipalities in
7 these 2 school administrative districts prior to January 1, 2005 must be set to 50%
8 valuation and 50% per pupil beginning January 1, 2016.

9 **Sec. 2. PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §69** is repealed.

10 **Sec. 3. P&SL 1997, c. 41, Pt. A, §8,** as amended by P&SL 2001, c. 8, §1, is
11 further amended to read:

12 **Sec. A-8. Educational needs.** If the Town of Frye Island is incorporated and
13 separated from the Town of Standish, it remains in the School Administrative District 6
14 or its successor and pays its proportional share of costs, unless or until such time as it
15 withdraws from the school administrative district in accordance with applicable state law.
16 School transportation services must be provided as follows: The Town of Frye Island is
17 authorized to require each resident with a child or children enrolled in School
18 Administrative District 6 to provide transportation from the island to the mainland point
19 of pickup at the resident's own expense; transportation costs from the mainland point of
20 pickup to the school must be provided, as is customarily done, by the school
21 administrative district.

22 **Sec. 4. P&SL 1997, c. 41, Pt. A, §9,** as enacted by P&SL 2001, c. 8, §2, is
23 repealed.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill eliminates the exemption for member municipalities in School
26 Administrative District No. 6 and School Administrative District No. 44 from the
27 standard municipal cost-sharing arrangement. For purposes of the cost-sharing
28 calculation between these member municipalities in these 2 school administrative
29 districts, the valuation and per-pupil figures for the member municipalities must both be
30 set to 50%. The bill also repeals the prohibition against the withdrawal of the Town of
31 Frye Island from School Administrative District No. 6.