

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 849

House of Representatives, April 7, 2015

**An Act To Bring Equity to the State Portion of the Education  
Funding Formula as It Applies to Regional School Unit No. 35**

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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 BEAVERS of South Berwick.  
Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland and  
Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senator: WOODSOME of  
York.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 The purpose of this bill is to bring equity to the school funding formula as it applies  
6 to Regional School Unit No. 35, comprising the towns of Eliot and South Berwick. The  
7 bill would change the current formula for distribution of the costs for education within  
8 Regional School Unit No. 35 in a manner that would take into consideration unequal  
9 changes in property valuation, median income and population. The bill would phase in  
10 the changes to each municipality's share of costs over a period of 5 years in order to  
11 reduce the fiscal impact on the municipalities.