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9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " $A$ " to S.P. 573, L.D. 1475, Bill, "An Act To Facilitate the Use of State Education Subsidies"	
11 12	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:	
13	'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1485, sub-§5 is enacted t	o read:
14 15 16 17 18	5. Additional state subsidy. The warrant presented to the legislative body of the regional school unit at a regional school unit budget meeting may include an article or articles providing that, in the event that the regional school unit receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, the regional school unit board is authorized to use all or part of the additional subsidy to:	
19 20 21 22 23 24	A. Increase expenditures for school purposes in con- the regional school unit board. If that article is app- meeting, the regional school unit board may in purposes in cost center categories approved by the provided in the article, without holding a spec- validation referendum;	roved by the voters at the budget acrease expenditures for school are regional school unit board as
25 26 27 28 29	B. Increase the allocation of finances in a reserve f the voters at the budget meeting, the regional sch allocation of finances for a reserve fund approved l as provided in the article, without holding a spe- validation referendum; or	ool unit board may increase the by the regional school unit board
30 31 32 33 34 35	C. Decrease the local cost share expectation, a subsection 1, paragraph B, for local property taxpay If that article is approved by the voters at the budget board may decrease the local cost share expectat approved by the regional school unit board as provid a special budget meeting and budget validation refer	rers for funding public education. meeting, the regional school unit ion for local property taxpayers led in the article, without holding

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# **COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to S.P. 573, L.D. 1475

1 2 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1486, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 571, Pt. QQQ, §2, is further amended to read:

3 2. Validation referendum procedures. The budget validation referendum must be held on or before the 30th calendar day following the scheduled date of the regional 4 school unit budget meeting. The referendum may not be held on a Sunday or legal 5 6 holiday. The vote at referendum is for the purpose of approving or rejecting the total 7 regional school unit budget approved at the regional school unit budget meeting. The 8 regional school unit board shall provide printed information to be displayed at polling 9 places to assist voters in voting. That information is limited to the total amounts 10 proposed by the regional school unit board for each cost center summary budget category article, the amount approved at the regional school unit budget meeting, a summary of the 11 12 total authorized expenditures and, if applicable because of action on an article under section 15690, subsection 3, paragraph A, a statement that the amount approved at the 13 14 regional school unit budget meeting includes locally raised funds that exceed the 15 maximum state and local spending target pursuant to section 15671-A, subsection 5. If the legislative body of the regional school unit at the regional school unit budget meeting 16 17 approves an article pursuant to section 1485, subsection 5, the substance of the article 18 must be included in the printed information displayed at polling places for the budget validation referendum." 19

#### SUMMARY

21 This amendment strikes and replaces the bill. The bill authorizes a regional school 22 unit to include an article in the warrant for its annual budget meeting providing that, in 23 the event that the regional school unit receives more state education subsidy than the 24 amount included in its budget, the regional school unit board is authorized to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the regional 25 school unit board, without a special budget meeting and budget validation referendum. 26 The amendment retains that provision and allows a regional school unit to include such 27 28 articles for the purposes of increasing the allocation of finances in a reserve fund and 29 decreasing the local cost share expectation for local property taxpayers for funding public 30 education.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

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# **COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# **127th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

## LD 1475

# LR 2329(02)

#### An Act To Facilitate the Use of State Education Subsidies

### Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "" 5-388 Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### **Fiscal Note**

No State fiscal impact

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

Allowing a Regional School Unit (RSU) to include in the warrant for its annual budget meeting an article or articles authorizing the RSU Board to take certain actions in the event that additional state subsidy for K-12 public education is received above the amount in it's current budget will have no fiscal impact on the State. However, to the extent that these additional funds result in increased spending by school units, the calculation of the RSU's future state subsidy may be impacted.