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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
127TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “*A*” to S.P. 573, L.D. 1475, Bill, “An Act To Facilitate the Use of State Education Subsidies”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1485, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

**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:

A. Increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the regional school unit board. If that article is approved by the voters at the budget meeting, the regional school unit board may increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the regional school unit board as provided in the article, without holding a special budget meeting and budget validation referendum;

B. Increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund. If that article is approved by the voters at the budget meeting, the regional school unit board may increase the allocation of finances for a reserve fund approved by the regional school unit board as provided in the article, without holding a special budget meeting and budget validation referendum; or

C. Decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in section 15671-A, subsection 1, paragraph B, for local property taxpayers for funding public education. If that article is approved by the voters at the budget meeting, the regional school unit board may decrease the local cost share expectation for local property taxpayers approved by the regional school unit board as provided in the article, without holding a special budget meeting and budget validation referendum.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**





# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1475

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

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" S-388**

**Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## 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.