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An Act To Ensure Federal Title I Funding Is Directed to Classroom Learning

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator CHIPMAN of Cumberland, Representative RILEY of Jay,
Representative HANDY of Lewiston and
Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, GOLDEN of Lewiston, MELARAGNO of Auburn.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§5-B** is enacted to read:

3 **5-B. Federal Title I, Part A grant funds.** Federal grant funds received under Title
4 I, Part A of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 United
5 States Code, Section 6301 et seq., as amended by the federal Every Student Succeeds
6 Act, 20 United States Code, Chapter 70, must be used by a school administrative unit as
7 defined by section 1, subsection 26 to:

8 A. Supplement and not supplant any state and local funds allocated to the school
9 administrative unit under this chapter;

10 B. Provide all students with a significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable and
11 high-quality education; and

12 C. Close educational achievement gaps.

13 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15676, sub-§§1 and 2,** as corrected by RR 2011, c. 2, §19,
14 are amended to read:

15 **1. Teaching staff costs.** The salary and benefit costs for school level teaching staff
16 that are necessary to carry out this Act, calculated in accordance with section 15678,
17 adjusted by the regional adjustment under section 15682 ~~and reduced by the amount of~~
18 ~~funds received by the school administrative unit during the most recent fiscal year under~~
19 ~~Title I of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 United States~~
20 ~~Code, Section 6301 et seq.;~~

21 **2. Other staff costs.** The salary and benefit costs for school-level staff who are not
22 teachers, but including substitute teachers, that are necessary to carry out this Act,
23 calculated in accordance with section 15679, adjusted by the regional adjustment under
24 section 15682 ~~and reduced by the amount of funds received by the school administrative~~
25 ~~unit during the most recent fiscal year under Title I of the federal Elementary and~~
26 ~~Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 United States Code, Section 6301 et seq.;~~ and

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill amends the school funding formula in the Essential Programs and Services
29 Funding Act to remove the reduction of the federal Title I funds under the federal
30 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 received by school administrative units
31 for teachers and other school staff and to require that school administrative units use
32 federal Title I, Part A grant funds received under the federal Elementary and Secondary
33 Education Act of 1965, as amended by the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, only to
34 supplement the school administrative unit's funds that would, in the absence of such
35 federal funds, be allocated from state and local school funding sources for the education
36 of students participating in programs assisted under the federal law and not to supplant
37 such state and local funds allocated to the school administrative unit.