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# STATE OF MAINE

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In House \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDERED**, the Senate concurring, that the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs shall review the requirement that the State provide 55% of the cost of the total allocation for kindergarten to grade 12 education from General Fund revenue sources, as required by Initiated Bill 2003, chapter 2, "An Act To Enact the School Finance and Tax Reform Act of 2003," which was subsequently amended to reduce the State's share of required funding. In conducting the review, the committee shall invite the participation of interested parties, such as the Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee, superintendents of school administrative units and representatives of municipalities and regional service centers, such as town or city managers. The committee shall evaluate the problems the State has had historically meeting the 55% requirement and, with input from the interested parties, determine methods of providing a more stable and certain source of funding to allow the State to meet the 55% requirement. The committee shall report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature no later than January 15, 2020 implementing its findings and recommendations.

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**(Representative BEEBE-CENTER)**

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