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Date: 5/30/19

L.D. 309  
(Filing No. H-393)

**EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
129TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 233, L.D. 309, Bill, "An Act To Eliminate the Regional Adjustment for Public School Systems"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Direct a Study of the Regional Adjustment for School Administrative Units'**

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this resolve directs the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, to study the regional adjustment for school administrative units under the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act; and

**Whereas,** the study must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the study may be completed and a report submitted in time for submission to the next legislative session; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Study of the regional adjustment for school administrative units.**

**Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall direct the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, in the institute's review of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, to study and report to the department on the regional adjustment for school administrative units under the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act. The study must include an update of the data that is used to calculate the regional adjustment to reflect the current economic environment and must include an analysis of how any adjustment to, or removal of, the regional adjustment in the funding formula would affect all school administrative units. The department shall submit the report to the Joint

1 Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 15, 2020.  
2 The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may submit a bill to the  
3 Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature.

4 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this  
5 legislation takes effect when approved.'

6 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or  
7 section number to read consecutively.

#### 8 SUMMARY

9 This amendment changes the bill to a resolve and adds an emergency preamble and  
10 clause. The amendment directs the Department of Education to direct the Maine  
11 Education Policy Research Institute in the institute's review of the essential programs and  
12 services to study and report to the department on the regional adjustment for school  
13 administrative units. The department must submit the report to the Joint Standing  
14 Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than January 15, 2020.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



Approved: 05/24/19 *mac*

# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 309

LR 99(02)

## An Act To Eliminate the Regional Adjustment for Public School Systems

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-393)

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

According to the Department of Education, the study required in this legislation is part of the Essential Programs and Services model component review cycle for this year, so there will be no additional cost to the department or the Maine Education Policy Research Institute. Additional cost to the department to submit the required report can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.