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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to HP 95, LD 154, "An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units"

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following

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'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2017, c 284, Pt C, §50, is further amended by amending subparagraph (16) to read

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(16) In fiscal year 2020-21 and succeeding years in each fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2024-25, 50%, and

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Amend the bill in section 3 in subparagraph (17) in the first line (page 1, line 10 in LD) by striking out the following: "2022-23" and inserting the following: '2024-25'

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4

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

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2024-25, instead of fiscal year 2022-23 as proposed in the bill, the minimum state share of a school administrative unit's special education costs under the essential programs and services school funding formula must be 55%

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The amendment also removes from the bill the requirement that the Department of Education review and report on minimum receivers under the funding formula

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**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

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(See attached)

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 154

LR 194(02)

## An Act Regarding Special Education Funding for So-called Minimum Receiver School Administration Units

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-153)  
Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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### Fiscal Note

Increases total cost of public education from kindergarten to grade 12

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

Increasing the minimum state share of a school administrative unit's (SAU's) special education costs under the essential programs and services funding model from 50% to 55% will increase the total cost of public education from kindergarten to grade 12 and the State's share of that cost beginning in fiscal year 2024-25. Although the cost for fiscal year 2024-25 can not be determined at this time, the Department of Education has estimated that had this provision been in effect in fiscal year 2023-24 the total cost of K-12 public education would have increased by \$2,057,055, with the State's share being 55%, or \$1,131,380 and the local share being 45%, or \$925,675.