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An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2023-24

(EMERGENCY)

Reported by Representative PERRY of Bangor for the administrator of the unorganized territory pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604.

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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| 1 2 | Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as | | |
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| 3 4 5 | Whereas, prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the Unorganized Territory Tax District are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; and | | |
| 6 7 8 9 | 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, | | |
| 10 | Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: | | |
| 11 12 13 14 | Sec. 1. Municipal cost components for services rendered. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 2023-24 is as follows: | | |
| 15 | Fiscal Administration - Office of the State Auditor | \$280,153 | |
| 16 17 18 | Education | \$14,103,141 | |
| 19 20 | Forest Fire Protection | \$130,000 | |
| 20 21 22 | Human Services - General Assistance | \$60,000 | |
| 23 24 | Property Tax Assessment | \$1,269,048 | |
| 25 | Maine Land Use Planning Commission | \$643,573 | |
| 26 27 28 | TOTAL STATE AGENCIES | \$16,485,915 | |
| 29 30 | County Reimbursements for Services | | |
| 31 | Aroostook | \$2,003,645 | |
| 32 | Franklin | \$1,375,281 | |
| 33 | Hancock | \$189,107 | |
| 34 | Kennebec | \$9,662 | |
| 35 | Lincoln | \$29,013 | |
| 36 | Oxford | \$1,710,625 | |
| 37 | Penobscot | \$1,868,069 | |
| 38 | Piscataquis | \$1,747,599 | |
| 39 | Somerset | \$2,524,640 | |
| 40 | Washington | \$1,520,948 | |
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| 42 | TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES | \$12,978,589 | |
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| 44 45 | COUNTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRUBUTIONS | FROM FUND | |

| 1 | Tax Increment Financing Payments | \$3,027,917 | |
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| 23 | TOTAL REQUIREMENTS | \$32,492,421 | |
| 4 5 | COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT | | |
| 6 7 | Requirements | \$32,492,421 | |
| 8 9 | Less Revenue Deductions: | | |
| 10 | General Revenue | | |
| 11 | Municipal Revenue Sharing | \$300,000 | |
| 12 | Homestead Reimbursement | \$250,000 | |
| 13 | Miscellaneous Revenue | \$10,000 | |
| 14 | Use of Unassigned Fund Balance | \$2,697,813 | |
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| 16 | TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS | \$3,257,813 | |
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| 18 | Education Revenue | | |
| 19 | Land Reserved Trust Interest | \$100,000 | |
| 20 | Tuition and School Transportation Charges | \$130,000 | |
| 21 | Special - Teacher Retirement Funding from State | \$240,000 | |
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| 23 | TOTAL EDUCATION REVENUE DEDUCTIONS | \$470,000 | |
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| 25 | TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS | \$3,727,813 | |
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| 27 | TAX ASSESSMENT BEFORE COUNTY TAXES | \$28,764,608 | |
| 28 | AND OVERLAY (Title 36, §1602) | | |
| 29 30 | Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved. | | |
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| 31 | SUMMARY | | |
| 32 33 | This bill establishes municipal cost components for state and county services provided to the unorganized territory that would normally be paid for by a municipality. The | | |
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municipal cost components constitute the property tax for the unorganized territory.