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An Act To Increase the State Share of Education Costs, Reduce Property Taxes and Reduce Government Spending at All Levels. (GOVERNOR'S BILL). Presented by Representative RICHARDSON of Brunswick. Referred to Joint Select Committee on Property Tax Reform. Public Hearing 12/14/04. Majority (OTP-AM) Accepted 01/20/05. Amended by: CA H-1, SJ/CA S-11. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 01/21/05, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 2.

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