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## **An Act To Increase State Funding of Public Education**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §32 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is further amended to read:

A. The level of the state share of funding attributable to the cost of the components of essential programs and services must be at least 50% of eligible state and local General Fund education costs statewide; no later than fiscal year 2006-07; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §32 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is further amended to read:

B. By fiscal year 2008-09 the state share of the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, as described by essential programs and services, must be 55%. Beginning in fiscal year 2005-06 and in each fiscal year until fiscal year 2008-09, the state share of essential programs and services described costs must increase toward the 55% level required in fiscal year 2008-09; ~~and~~

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§1, ¶C** is enacted to read:

C. By fiscal year 2009-10 the state share of the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, as described by essential programs and services, must be 60%.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill increases the state share of the cost of funding public education to 60% beginning with fiscal year 2009-10.