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An Act Regarding the Required Local Contribution in the School Funding Formula

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative CAREY of Lewiston.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15690, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. C,
3 §15, is further amended to read:

4 C. ~~The~~ Except as provided in subparagraph (1), the state share of the total cost of
5 funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in section
6 15688, excluding state-funded debt service for each school administrative unit, is
7 limited to the same proportion as the local school administrative unit raises of its
8 required contribution to the total cost of education as described in section 15688,
9 excluding state-funded debt service costs. For school administrative units that
10 annually demonstrate savings by purchasing supplies using an electronic bidding
11 forum, the commissioner may suspend all or a portion of any adjustment to the unit's
12 state contribution pursuant to this paragraph.

13 (1) The limitation imposed by this paragraph on the state share of the total cost
14 of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 does not apply to a
15 school administrative unit if a majority of the residents within that school
16 administrative unit reside in municipalities eligible to receive funds from the
17 Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund established under Title 30-A, section 5681,
18 subsection 3.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill modifies the provision of the essential programs and services school funding
21 formula that provides that the state share of the total cost of funding public education
22 from kindergarten to grade 12 is limited to the same proportion as the local school
23 administrative unit raises of its required contribution to the total cost of education. The
24 bill specifies that this limitation does not apply if a majority of the residents within that
25 school administrative unit reside in municipalities eligible to receive funds from the
26 Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund established under the State's municipal revenue
27 sharing program.