1      **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

3      **Whereas,** additional state funding may become available to a school administrative
4 unit for fiscal year 2013-14 after the unit's budget for the fiscal year has been approved;
5 and

6      **Whereas,** it is necessary to permit school boards to make spending decisions on
7 additional funding before the school year begins without the need for an additional
8 budget validation referendum; and

9      **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within
10 the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as
11 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now,
12 therefore,

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

14      **Sec. 1. School budget authority; fiscal year 2013-14.** Notwithstanding any
15 other provision of law, if additional state funding becomes available to a school
16 administrative unit for fiscal year 2013-14 after the budget for the school administrative
17 unit for that fiscal year has been approved by a budget validation referendum pursuant to
18 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1486 or 2307, the school board of the
19 school administrative unit may decide how to spend the additional funding by majority
20 vote at a public meeting without the need to submit the decision to an additional budget
21 validation referendum.

22      **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
23 legislation takes effect when approved.

24 **SUMMARY**

25      This bill permits a school board of a school administrative unit that requires a budget
26 validation referendum to approve a budget to spend state funds that become available for
27 fiscal year 2013-14 after the budget for the school administrative unit has been approved
28 by the budget validation referendum without the need to submit the decision to an
29 additional referendum.