

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

H.P. 459 - L.D. 667

An Act To Increase Funding to Schools

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15690, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2013, c. 1, Pt. C, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

D. In any fiscal year in which the sum of the State's contribution toward the cost of the components of essential programs and services, exclusive of federal funds that are provided and accounted for in the cost of the components of essential programs and services, falls below the State's target of 55% of the cost of the components of essential programs and services, the commissioner shall calculate the percentage of the State's 55% share that is funded by state appropriations and, notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, a school administrative unit may not have the amount of its state subsidy limited or reduced under paragraph C if the school administrative unit:

(1) In fiscal year 2013-14, raises at least the same percentage of its required local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, including state-funded debt service, as the State's contribution toward its 55% share of the cost of the components of essential programs and services;

(2) In fiscal year 2014-15, raises the same percentage of its required local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, including state-funded debt service, as the State's contribution toward its 55% share of the cost of the components of essential programs and services plus 33% of the difference between that percentage and 100% of its required local contribution; and

(3) In fiscal year 2015-16, raises the same percentage of its required local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12, including state-funded debt service, as the State's contribution toward its 55% share of the cost of the components of essential programs and services plus 66% of the difference between that percentage and 100% of its required local contribution.

This paragraph is repealed June 30, 2016.