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**STATE OF MAINE
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129TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 71, L.D. 259, Bill, “An Act To Require the State To Meet the Mandatory 55 Percent Contribution to Schools”

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5806, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 497, §1, is amended to read:

2. Maximum allowable tuition. The maximum allowable tuition charged to a school administrative unit by a private school is the rate established under subsection 1 or the state average per public secondary student cost as adjusted, whichever is lower, plus an insured value factor. The insured value factor is computed by dividing 5% of the insured value of school buildings and equipment by the average number of pupils enrolled in the school on October 1st and April 1st of the year immediately before the school year for which the tuition charge is computed. From school year 2009-2010 to school year 2013-2014, a school administrative unit is not required to pay an insured value factor greater than 5% of the school's tuition rate or \$500 per student, whichever is less, unless the legislative body of the school administrative unit votes to authorize its school board to pay a higher insured value factor that is no greater than 10% of the school's tuition rate per student. For the 2014-2015 school year, a school administrative unit is not required to pay an insured value factor greater than 6% of the school's tuition rate per student, unless the legislative body of the school administrative unit votes to authorize its school board to pay a higher insured value factor that is no greater than 10% of the school's tuition rate per student. Beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, a school administrative unit is not required to pay an insured value factor greater than the amount of the prior school year's insured value factor adjusted by a percentage equal to the percentage change in the state share percentage of the total cost of funding public education in the prior school year as determined by section 15671, subsection 7, paragraph € B as compared to the applicable percentage for the current school year. In no case may the insured value factor be less than 6% or greater than 10% of the school's tuition rate per student, unless the legislative body of the school administrative unit votes to authorize its school board to pay an insured value factor that exceeds the amount

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1 otherwise permitted by this subsection by no more than 5% of the school's tuition rate per
2 student. For the 2013-2014 school year only, the maximum allowable tuition charged to
3 a school administrative unit by a private school that participates in the Maine Public
4 Employees Retirement System must be increased above the amount otherwise permitted
5 under this section by an amount equal to the calculated normal cost of teacher retirement
6 for that school divided by the number of enrolled students as of October 1, 2012.'

7 Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

8 'Sec. 2. 20-A MRS §15671, sub-§7, ¶C, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C,
9 §20, is repealed.

10 Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and
11 allocations are made.

12 EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

13 General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

14 Initiative: Provides additional funds to increase the State's contribution to funding the
15 total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12 to 55%.

16	GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
17	All Other	\$99,304,868	\$99,940,016
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19	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$99,304,868</u>	<u>\$99,940,016</u>
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21 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
22 section number to read consecutively.

23 SUMMARY

24 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, repeals the provision
25 of law containing the annual targets for the state share percentage of the total cost of
26 funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 that include the cost of
27 components of essential programs and services plus the state contributions to the
28 unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are
29 attributable to teachers, retired teachers' health insurance and retired teachers' life
30 insurance. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

31 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

32 (See attached)