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In Senate, March 6, 2012

An Act To Define Cost Responsibility for Transporting Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Students to the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR. Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative WAGNER of Lewiston and Senators: BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, WOODBURY of Cumberland, Representatives: LOVEJOY of Portland, RANKIN of Hiram, RICHARDSON of Carmel.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7405, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2003, c. 533, §7, is
further amended to read:

4 1. Enrollment. The superintendent of the school administrative unit in which a deaf or hard-of-hearing student resides, with the consent of that student's parent or legal 5 guardian and in accordance with the limitations in section 5051-A, may enroll that 6 student in one of the center school programs or the satellite school programs, and the 7 school administrative unit is responsible for transportation costs of that student. The 8 9 sums necessary for tuition and room and board of the student while attending one of the center school programs or satellite school programs, as determined by the individualized 10 education program of the student, must be paid by the school board. 11

## 12 SUMMARY

13 This bill clarifies that the school administrative unit is responsible for the costs of 14 transporting students who are placed in an educational program at the Maine Educational 15 Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.