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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Consolidation of School Administrative Units To Delay All Penalties for One Year

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

Whereas, the deadline for reorganization of school administrative units is approaching; and

Whereas, if a school administrative unit does not reorganize, penalties will be imposed against the school administrative unit; and

Whereas, this legislation will give school administrative units additional time to reorganize; and

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

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15696, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 668, §§39 to 41 and c. 695, Pt. A, §23, is further amended to read:

1. Authorized adjustments. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, the following adjustments to the calculation of subsidy under chapter 606-B are required beginning July 1, ~~2009~~2010 for a school administrative unit that is not a conforming school administrative unit:

A. The school administrative unit is eligible for only 50% of the minimum state allocation under section 15689, subsection 1;

B. The school administrative unit's total cost of education is reduced by adjusting the cost component for system administration under section 15680, subsection 1, paragraph A by half;

C. The school administrative unit is not eligible for a transition adjustment under section 15686 or any comparable year-over-year transition amount;

D. The school administrative unit receives less favorable consideration for approval and funding for school construction pursuant to rules of the state board; and

E. The school administrative unit's full-value education mill rate pursuant to section 15671-A is increased by 2% for the purpose of calculating the school administrative unit's required contribution to meet the local share of education costs established pursuant to section 15688, subsection 3-A.

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