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An Act To Adjust the Calculation of the Essential Programs and Services Pupil Count to Accurately Reflect Population Change

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15674, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 504, Pt. A, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. The greatest of the 6 pupil counts for April 1st and October 1st of the 3 most recent calendar years prior to the year of funding, reported in accordance with section 6004, including the counts of students enrolled in an alternative program and counted in accordance with section 5104-A.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15674, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 504, Pt. A, §6, is repealed.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the pupil count calculation in determining school operating costs for essential programs and services by calculating the greatest of the 6 pupil counts for April 1st and October 1st of the 3 most recent calendar years prior to funding, as opposed to the average of the 2 and 6 pupil counts for April 1st and October 1st of the most recent calendar year prior to funding.