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## **An Act To Provide State Support for State-approved School Construction Projects in Certain Municipalities**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

**2-A. Adjustments to state contributions for debt service to member municipalities in certain school districts.** Beginning in fiscal year 2008-09, the adjustment for debt service provisions of subsection 2 are applicable for each case when one or more member municipalities, but not all of the member municipalities, of the school administrative district or the community school district have a local contribution that is below the mill rate expectation established pursuant to section 15671-A. For each school administrative district or community school district eligible under this subsection, the adjustment for debt service provisions of subsection 2 are applicable for each member municipality that has a local contribution that is below the mill rate expectation established pursuant to section 15671-A, except that the adjustment must be calculated under subsection 2, paragraph B considering all debt service costs of the member municipality that have been placed on the state board's priority list before or after January 2005 instead of by January 2005 as otherwise required under subsection 2, paragraph A, subparagraph (2).

### **SUMMARY**

This bill provides an adjustment to the state contribution for debt service for certain member municipalities in school administrative districts or community school districts when one or more member municipalities, but not all the school district's member municipalities, have a local contribution that is below the mill rate expectation established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15671-A. The bill provides an adjustment to the state contribution for debt service equivalent to the adjustments provided to the state share of the total allocation for school administrative units that are determined to be eligible for the adjustment to the state contribution for debt service pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 2, except that the adjustment for debt service for eligible member municipalities of these school districts must be made considering all debt service costs of the member municipality that have been placed on the State Board of Education's priority list for state funding of a school construction project before or after January 2005 instead of by January 2005 as otherwise required under Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 2, paragraph A, subparagraph (2).