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## **An Act To Clarify the Method of Education Cost Sharing among Certain Municipalities**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15688, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §57 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is further amended to read:

**4. Method of cost sharing; exception.** For the purpose of local cost sharing, the provisions of subsection 3-A do not apply to municipalities that are members of a school administrative district or a community school district whose cost sharing formula was established or validated pursuant to private and special law prior to January 1, 2004. For each municipality that is a member of a school administrative district or a community school district whose cost sharing formula was established or validated pursuant to private and special law prior to January 1, 2004, the cost sharing formula established or validated pursuant to private and special law determines each municipality's local cost of education.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies that certain provisions of the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that govern cost sharing among municipalities in a school administrative district or community school district do not apply to municipalities that are members of a school administrative district or a community school district whose cost sharing formula was validated pursuant to private and special law prior to January 1, 2004. Current law provides an exemption from those provisions for municipalities whose formulas were established pursuant to private and special law.