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**An Act to Increase to 100 Percent the State Share of Funding for
Special Education Costs of All School Administrative Units**

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DILL of Old Town.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BRIDGEO of Augusta, DODGE of Belfast, HEPLER of Woolwich.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C,
3 §50, is further amended by amending subparagraph (15) to read:

4 (15) In fiscal year 2019-20, 45%; ~~and~~

5 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C,
6 §50, is further amended by amending subparagraph (16) to read:

7 (16) In fiscal year 2020-21 and ~~succeeding years in each succeeding fiscal year~~
8 prior to fiscal year 2026-27, 50%; and

9 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§1, ¶B**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C,
10 §50, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (17) to read:

11 (17) In fiscal year 2026-27 and in succeeding fiscal years, 100%.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2026-27, the minimum state share of a
14 school administrative unit's special education costs under the essential programs and
15 services school funding formula must be 100%.