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**An Act To Define Cost Responsibility for Transporting Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Students to the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7405, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 533, §7, is further amended to read:

**1. Enrollment.** The superintendent of the school administrative unit in which a deaf or hard-of-hearing student resides, with the consent of that student's parent or legal guardian and in accordance with the limitations in section 5051-A, may enroll that student in one of the center school programs or the satellite school programs, and the school administrative unit is responsible for transportation costs of that student. The sums necessary for tuition and room and board of the student while attending one of the center school programs or satellite school programs, as determined by the individualized education program of the student, must be paid by the school board.

**SUMMARY**

This bill clarifies that the school administrative unit is responsible for the costs of transporting students who are placed in an educational program at the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf.