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An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2016-17

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the Unorganized Territory Tax District are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Municipal cost components for services rendered. In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 2016-17 is as follows:

Audit - Fiscal Administration	\$251,277
Education	12,288,717
Forest Fire Protection	150,000
Human Services - General Assistance	65,000
Property Tax Assessment - Operations	935,000
Maine Land Use Planning Commission - Operations	544,194
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TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	\$14,234,188
County Reimbursements for Services:	
Aroostook	\$1,251,259
Franklin	998,235
Hancock	236,660
Kennebec	10,669
Oxford	1,257,130
Penobscot	1,067,291
Piscataquis	962,139
Somerset	1,679,712
Washington	978,140
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TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES	\$8,441,235
COUNTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRIBUTIONS FROM FUND	
Tax Increment Financing Payments	\$2,027,000
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TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	\$24,702,423

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Total Requirements	\$24,702,423
Less Revenue Deductions:	
General Revenue -	
State Revenue Sharing	\$50,000
Homestead Reimbursement	93,945
Miscellaneous Revenues	10,000
Transfer from Unassigned Fund Balance	1,750,000
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TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$1,903,945
Educational Revenue -	
Land Reserved Trust	\$70,000
Tuition/Travel	110,768
United States Forest Service - Payment in Lieu of Taxes	15,000
Special - Teacher Retirement	223,281
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TOTAL EDUCATION REVENUE DEDUCTIONS	\$419,049
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TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$2,322,994
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TAX ASSESSMENT BEFORE COUNTY TAXES AND OVERLAY	\$22,379,429

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes municipal cost components for state and county services provided to the unorganized territory that would be paid for by a municipality. The municipal cost components constitute the property tax for the unorganized territory.