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Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5806, sub-§2**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 497, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Maximum allowable tuition.** The maximum allowable tuition charged to a school administrative unit by a private school is the rate established under subsection 1 or the state average per public secondary student cost as adjusted, whichever is lower, plus an insured value factor. The insured value factor is computed by dividing 5% of the insured value of school buildings and equipment by the average number of pupils enrolled in the school on October 1st and April 1st of the year immediately before the school year for which the tuition charge is computed. From school year 2009-2010 to school year 2013-2014, a school administrative unit is not required to pay an insured value factor greater than 5% of the school's tuition rate or \$500 per student, whichever is less, unless the legislative body of the school administrative unit votes to authorize its school board to pay a higher insured value factor that is no greater than 10% of the school's tuition rate per student. For the 2014-2015 school year, a school administrative unit is not required to pay an insured value factor greater than 6% of the school's tuition rate per student, unless the legislative body of the school administrative unit votes to authorize its school board to pay a higher insured value factor that is no greater than 10% of the school's tuition rate per student. Beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, a school administrative unit is not required to pay an insured value factor greater than the amount of the prior school year's insured value factor adjusted by a percentage equal to the percentage change in the state share percentage of the total cost of funding public education in the prior school year as determined by section 15671, subsection 7, paragraph ~~EB~~ as compared to the applicable percentage for the current school year. In no case may the insured value factor be less than 6% or greater than 10% of the school's tuition rate per student, unless the legislative body of the school administrative unit votes to authorize its school board to pay an insured value factor that exceeds the amount otherwise permitted by this subsection by no more than 5% of the school's tuition rate per student. For the 2013-2014 school year only, the maximum allowable tuition charged to a school administrative unit by a private school that participates in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System must be increased above the amount otherwise permitted under this section by an amount equal to the calculated normal cost of teacher retirement for that school divided by the number of enrolled students as of October 1, 2012.’

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

‘**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§7, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §20, is repealed.

**Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

## **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

### **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

Initiative: Provides additional funds to increase the State's contribution to funding the total cost of education from kindergarten to grade 12 to 55%.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>
All Other	\$99,304,868	\$99,940,016
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$99,304,868</b>	<b>\$99,940,016</b>

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

### **SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, repeals the provision of law containing the annual targets for the state share percentage of the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 that include the cost of components of essential programs and services plus the state contributions to the unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, retired teachers' health insurance and retired teachers' life insurance. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

### **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED** **(See attached)**