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An Act to Provide Funding to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics Using the School Funding Formula Criteria

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Senator: RAFFERTY of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8202, sub-§2, ¶A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 665, Pt. FF,
3 §1, is further amended to read:

4 A. The amount must be paid in 4 equal quarterly payments during the year of
5 attendance. The first payment must be made by July 31st. The amount of tuition and
6 other costs paid for all students is limited to the amount appropriated for this purpose
7 in accordance with paragraph D. To be eligible for state funding under this paragraph,
8 a student must have resided in Maine with a parent, other relative or guardian for at
9 least 6 months immediately preceding application to the school.

10 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8202, sub-§2, ¶D** is enacted to read:

11 D. The commissioner shall annually determine the total cost for providing essential
12 programs and services for the school for students from this State in the same manner
13 that total costs for providing essential programs and services for school administrative
14 units are determined under chapter 606-B. Each fiscal year, the commissioner shall
15 include that amount in the commissioner's funding levels recommendation submitted
16 to the Governor and the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau
17 of the Budget pursuant to section 15689-C and the Governor shall include that funding
18 level in the Governor's annual recommendation for funding levels pursuant to section
19 15689-D.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to annually determine the total cost
22 for providing essential programs and services for the Maine School of Science and
23 Mathematics for students from this State in the same manner that total costs for providing
24 essential programs and services for school administrative units are determined under the
25 essential programs and services school funding formula. For each fiscal year, the
26 commissioner must include that amount in the commissioner's funding levels
27 recommendation submitted to the Governor and the Department of Administrative and
28 Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget and the Governor must include that funding level
29 in the Governor's annual recommendation for funding levels.