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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 402, L.D. 578, Bill, “An Act To Redefine the Method by Which the Department of Education Determines Cost Sharing for School Construction and Renovation Projects for Municipalities within a School Administrative Unit”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

**'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15688, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

**4-A. Method of cost sharing for school construction or renovation projects; exception.** For the purpose of local cost sharing of debt service for the costs of school construction or renovation projects as described in section 15672, subsection 2-A, paragraph A, the provisions of subsection 3-A do not apply to municipalities that are members of a school administrative district, community school district or regional school unit. Beginning in fiscal year 2016-17 and notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a school administrative district, community school district or regional school unit must use a method of cost sharing that distributes local costs of school construction or renovation projects to each member municipality based on a cost-sharing formula that combines 60% pupil enrollment and 40% property fiscal capacity.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the concept draft. It provides an alternative method for determining cost sharing for school construction and renovation projects for the member municipalities within a school administrative district, community school district or regional school unit.