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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 625, L.D. 1689, Bill, “An Act To Repeal Certain Provisions Regarding the System Administration Allocation Affecting Maine School Districts in the 2018-2019 Biennial Budget”

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15680-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §35, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15680-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §35, is amended to read:

4. Beginning in fiscal year 2019-20. Beginning in fiscal year ~~2020-21~~ 2019-20, the per-pupil rate for the system administration allocation must be determined by the commissioner based on a review by a statewide education policy research institute of the system administration costs of high-performing, efficient school administrative units. Only school administrative units that have established regionalized administrative services pursuant to chapter 123 and school administrative units for which the percentage of system administration expenditures of districts identified as high-performing, efficient school administrative units by a statewide education policy research institute are eligible for the system administration allocation.'

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the bill. Like the bill, the amendment amends the system administration allocation law by striking the requirement that, beginning in fiscal year 2019-20, a portion of the system administration allocation must be allocated to school administrative units that have established regionalized administrative services. Instead, the amendment provides that only school administrative units that have established regionalized administrative services and school administrative units that are identified as high-performing, efficient school administrative units by a statewide education policy research institute due to their

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1 percentage of system administration expenditures are eligible for the allocation. The
2 amendment also retains the portion of the law that establishes the system administration
3 allocations for fiscal year 2018-19, which is repealed in the bill.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)