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House of Representatives, April 7, 2015

An Act To Bring Equity to the State Portion of the Education Funding Formula as It Applies to Regional School Unit No. 35

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick.
Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFSKY of Cumberland and
Representatives: DUNPHY of Embden, RYKERSON of Kittery, Senator: WOODSOME of
York.

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

2 CONCEPT DRAFT

3 SUMMARY

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

The purpose of this bill is to bring equity to the school funding formula as it applies to Regional School Unit No. 35, comprising the towns of Eliot and South Berwick. The bill would change the current formula for distribution of the costs for education within Regional School Unit No. 35 in a manner that would take into consideration unequal changes in property valuation, median income and population. The bill would phase in the changes to each municipality's share of costs over a period of 5 years in order to reduce the fiscal impact on the municipalities.