

**LD 270, An Act To Amend the Regional Adjustment Index To Ensure School Districts  
Do Not Receive Less than the State Average for Teacher Salaries**

**Rep. Stearns Proposed Amendment**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §15682**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 419, §2, is further amended to read:

**§15682. Regional adjustment**

~~The commissioner shall make a regional adjustment in the total operating allocation for each school administrative unit determined pursuant to section 15683. The regional adjustment must be based on the regional differences in teacher salary costs, for labor market areas in which the school administrative unit is located, as computed by a statewide education policy research institute, and must be applied only to appropriate teacher salary and benefits costs as calculated under section 15678 and salary and benefit costs of other school-level staff who are not teachers as calculated under section 15679. Beginning in fiscal year 2012-13, and for each subsequent fiscal year, the commissioner shall make a regional adjustment in the total operating allocation for each school administrative unit determined pursuant to section 15683. The regional adjustment must be based on the regional differences in teacher salary costs, for labor market areas in which the school administrative unit is located, as computed by a statewide education policy research institute, and must be applied only to appropriate teacher salary costs as calculated under section 15678 and salary costs of other school-level staff who are not teachers as calculated under section 15679.~~ Beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the regional adjustment must be indexed to the statewide average teacher salary costs so as to result in a school administrative unit receiving no less than .93 or more than 1.09 of the statewide average teacher salary costs.

*\*This amendment would also propose that any funds allocated pursuant to this section must be used for the payment of teacher salary costs.*

**SUMMARY**

This proposed amendment provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the regional adjustment has a “floor” of .93 and a “cap” of 1.09 based on the statewide average teacher salary costs. The amendment would also propose that any funds allocated pursuant to this section must be used for the payment of teacher salary costs.