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Amend the bill by inserting after section 31 the following:

**‘Sec. 32. PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §36, sub-§12** is amended to read:

**12. Reformulation of SAD as RSU.** Not later than December 1, 2008, the Commissioner of Education shall notify any school administrative district that has not voted to form a regional school unit on or before November 4, 2008 that the school administrative district must be recreated as a regional school unit under Title 20-A, chapter 103-A, effective July 1, 2009. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a school administrative district may be changed to a regional school unit upon notice to the State Board of Education without dissolving the school administrative district. A school administrative district that is changed to a regional school unit without dissolving the school administrative district is subject to Title 20-A, chapter 103-A and any other provision of law relating to regional school units but for all other legal purposes:

A. Remains the same legal entity, including but not limited to with respect to all contracts, duties, liabilities, rights and privileges of the school administrative district and any debt, whether bond, note or other evidence of indebtedness, issued by or for the school administrative district; and

B. In order to avoid any costs associated with changing its name, may keep and continue to use the same name, including the term "school administrative district," for official purposes, including, but not limited to, in all its contracts and debt instruments. Keeping its name for official purposes does not in any manner affect its status as a regional school unit for purposes of Title 20-A, chapter 103-A and any other provision of law relating to regional school units.

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

## SUMMARY

This amendment allows a school administrative district that is changed to a regional school unit without dissolving the school administrative district to retain its name for all legal purposes and specifies that the regional school unit remains the same legal entity, but is subject to all other laws regarding regional school units.