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An Act To Control Education Administrative Costs

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §15679, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 504, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

1. Salary and benefit costs; other school level positions. The commissioner shall annually determine, for each school administrative unit, the salary and benefit costs of all school level positions other than teaching positions, referred to in this section as "staff," that are necessary to carry out this Act. For the purposes of this section, "school administrative staff" means the positions of principal, assistant principal and special education coordinator.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRS §15679, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 504, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

2. Students-to-staff ratios. In calculating the salary and benefit costs pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall utilize the following student-to-staff ratios.

A. For the elementary school level and the middle school level:

- (1) The student-to-education technician ratio is 100:1;
- (2) The student-to-guidance staff ratio is 350:1;
- (3) The student-to-librarian ratio is 800:1;
- (4) The student-to-media assistant ratio is 500:1;
- (5) The student-to-health staff ratio is 800:1;
- (6) The student-to-school administrative staff ratio is ~~305:1~~ 500:1; and
- (7) The student-to-clerical staff ratio is 200:1.

B. For the high school level:

- (1) The student-to-education technician ratio is 250:1;

- (2) The student-to-guidance staff ratio is 250:1;
- (3) The student-to-librarian ratio is 800:1;
- (4) The student-to-media assistant ratio is 500:1;
- (5) The student-to-health staff ratio is 800:1;
- (6) The student-to-school administrative staff ratio is ~~315:1~~ 500:1; and
- (7) The student-to-clerical staff ratio is 200:1.

SUMMARY

This bill changes the ratio of students to school administrative staff used to calculate salary and benefit costs to 500:1. It defines "school administrative staff" as principals, assistant principals and special education coordinators.