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**Chapter 303**  
**H.P. 855 - L.D. 1235**

**An Act To Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services To Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2009-10 and To Make Other Changes Related to the Municipal Cost Components**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** prompt determination and certification of the municipal cost components in the Unorganized Territory Tax District are necessary to the establishment of a mill rate and the levy of the Unorganized Territory Educational and Services Tax; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §246, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 636, §2, is further amended to read:

**3. Legislation.** The fiscal administrator shall prepare and submit legislation to the Legislature by March 1st, annually, providing for the requests made by counties and state agencies for services provided in the unorganized territory that are entitled to funding under Title 36, chapter 115. ~~Legislation submitted pursuant to this subsection must also include a notation as to any tax enhancement programs that have been approved by the county commissioners.~~ The administrator may not reject or change a budget submitted by a county or state agency without the approval of the county or agency making the request.

**Sec. 2. Municipal cost components for services rendered.** In accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, chapter 115, the Legislature determines that the net municipal cost component for services and reimbursements to be rendered in fiscal year 2009-10 is as follows:

Audit - Fiscal Administration	\$206,711
Education	13,857,261
Forest Fire Protection	160,000
Human Services - General Assistance	59,000

Property Tax Assessment - Operations	824,349
Maine Land Use Regulation Commission - Operations	487,977
<b>TOTAL STATE AGENCIES</b>	<b>\$15,595,298</b>
County Reimbursements for Services:	
Aroostook	\$885,417
Franklin	564,825
Hancock	154,505
Kennebec	872
Oxford	480,525
Penobscot	885,380
Piscataquis	1,389,350
Somerset	888,306
Washington	762,597
<b>TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$6,011,777</b>
<b>TOTAL REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>\$21,607,075</b>

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Requirements	\$21,607,075
Less Deductions:	
General -	
State Revenue Sharing	\$265,000
Homestead Reimbursement	100,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$415,000</b>
Educational -	
Land Reserved Trust	\$80,000
Tuition/Travel	250,000
Miscellaneous	5,000
Special - Teacher Retirement	200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$535,000</b>
<b>TOTAL DEDUCTIONS</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>
<b>TAX ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$20,657,075</b>

**Sec. 3. Increase in growth limitation.** Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1611, subsection 3, paragraph B, the Legislature intends by this Act to exceed the municipal cost component growth limitation for the state component by \$1,475,109 and to increase the municipal cost component growth limitation for the state component by the remainder of the amount provided in this Act.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 8, 2009.