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An Act To Hold School Systems to the Same Spending Limits as Municipalities

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15671-B is enacted to read:

§ 15671-B. Additional limitation on spending

In addition to the limits imposed under section 15671-A, a school administrative unit's required local contribution determined pursuant to section 15688, subsection 3-A, plus the state contribution as calculated pursuant to section 15688, subsection 3-A, paragraph D, plus any state funds resulting from a transition adjustment pursuant to section 15686, plus any additional local amount proposed to be raised pursuant to section 15690, subsection 3 may not exceed the amount permitted to be spent by the school administrative unit for the preceding year by more than the education spending growth limit factor unless approved by the voters in the school administrative unit at referendum.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15672, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Education spending growth limit factor. "Education spending growth limit factor" means the average of the property tax levy limits under Title 30-A, section 5721-A of the municipalities within a school administrative unit.

SUMMARY

This bill imposes an additional limit on spending of a school administrative unit equal to the average of the municipal property tax levy limits of the municipalities within the unit.