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An Act To Require the Department of Education To Provide an Accounting of School Subsidy Based on Individual Members in a Regional School Unit or Alternative Organizational Structure

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689-B, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §61 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is amended to read:

A. The commissioner shall annually, prior to February 1st, notify each school board of the estimated amount to be allocated to the school administrative unit. Notwithstanding any other law and beginning in fiscal year 2009-10, the notification of allocation provided to the governing bodies of regional school units and alternative organizational structures must be made as follows.

(1) For each regional school unit that is comprised of more than one municipality, the commissioner shall notify the governing body of the computation and the estimated amount to be allocated to the regional school unit and to each municipality within the regional school unit.

(2) For each alternative organizational structure that is serving as the school administrative unit for the purposes of this chapter for its member entities, the commissioner shall notify the governing body of the alternative organizational structure of the computation and the estimated amount to be allocated to the alternative organizational structure and to each member entity within the alternative organizational structure.

SUMMARY

Current law requires the Commissioner of Education to notify school boards of the amount of school subsidy to be allocated to school administrative units. This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to also provide the governing bodies of regional school units and alternative organizational structures with the computation and the amount of the allocation of school subsidy that the commissioner has estimated for the regional school units and each member municipality in the regional school unit or for the alternative organizational structure and each member entity in the alternative organizational structure.