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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Consolidation of School Administrative Units To Delay All Penalties for 2 Years

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §15696, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 668, §§39 to 41 and c. 695, Pt. A, §23, is further amended to read:

1. Authorized adjustments. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, the following adjustments to the calculation of subsidy under chapter 606-B are required beginning July 1, ~~2009~~2011 for a school administrative unit that is not a conforming school administrative unit:

- A. The school administrative unit is eligible for only 50% of the minimum state allocation under section 15689, subsection 1;
- B. The school administrative unit's total cost of education is reduced by adjusting the cost component for system administration under section 15680, subsection 1, paragraph A by half;
- C. The school administrative unit is not eligible for a transition adjustment under section 15686 or any comparable year-over-year transition amount;
- D. The school administrative unit receives less favorable consideration for approval and funding for school construction pursuant to rules of the state board; and
- E. The school administrative unit's full-value education mill rate pursuant to section 15671-A is increased by 2% for the purpose of calculating the school administrative unit's required contribution to meet the local share of education costs established pursuant to section 15688, subsection 3-A.

SUMMARY

This bill delays any financial penalties imposed on a school administrative unit for nonconformance with the laws governing the reorganization of school administrative units until the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2011.