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Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and inserting the following:

**'An Act Related to Cost Sharing for the
Wells-Ogunquit Community School District'**

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Wells-Ogunquit Community School District; mediation of cost-sharing agreement. If one of the towns involved is willing to bear the costs, including the reasonable costs of the opposing party, the Town of Wells and the Town of Ogunquit shall enter into mediation of any disputes related to the sharing of costs for the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District by September 1, 2010. If the towns enter into mediation they shall jointly choose a mediator from among alternative dispute resolution providers qualified by the Supreme Judicial Court under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 18B, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. Binding arbitration. If mediation under section 1 is not successfully concluded by August 31, 2011, the towns may jointly agree to an extension or, if one of the towns is willing to bear the costs, including the reasonable costs of the opposing party, the towns shall enter binding arbitration under the Maine Uniform Arbitration Act to settle the issues in dispute.'

SUMMARY

This amendment provides that if one of the towns is willing to bear the costs, the Town of Wells and the Town of Ogunquit shall enter into mediation of any disputes related to the sharing of costs for the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District. If mediation is not successful after one year, the towns may jointly agree to an extension or, if one of the towns is willing to bear the costs, the towns shall enter binding arbitration under the Maine Uniform Arbitration Act.