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An Act Regarding Special Education Funding

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MATHIESON of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Senator LAWRENCE of York and
Representative: SARGENT of York.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §50, is further amended by amending subparagraph (15) to read:

(15) In fiscal year 2019-20, 45%; and

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §50, is further amended by amending subparagraph (16) to read:

(16) In fiscal year 2020-21 and succeeding years in each succeeding fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2025-26, 50%; and

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §50, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (17) to read:

(17) In fiscal year 2025-26 and succeeding fiscal years, 55%.

SUMMARY

This bill provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2025-26, the minimum state share of a school administrative unit's special education costs under the essential programs and services school funding formula must be 55%.