127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2015

An Act To Redefine the Method by Which the Department of Education Determines Cost Sharing for School Construction and Renovation Projects for Municipalities within a School Administrative Unit

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

2   **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3   **SUMMARY**

4   This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5   This bill proposes to amend the current education statutes pertaining to the methods
6   by which the Department of Education determines how the costs for school construction
7   and renovation projects are shared among the member municipalities of a school
8   administrative unit. The bill would implement:

9   1. An alternative method for determining the sharing of costs for a school
10   construction or renovation project among member municipalities of a school
11   administrative unit comparable to the methods established under the Maine Revised
12   Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1481-A, subsection 3; and

13   2. An amendment to the provisions of the Essential Programs and Services Funding
14   Act regarding the sharing of debt service costs related to school construction and
15   renovation projects in order to more equitably distribute the local share of school
16   construction and renovation project costs among the member municipalities of a school
17   administrative unit by including the number of resident pupils in each municipality and
18   the property fiscal capacity of each municipality as the basis for sharing the debt service
19   costs related to school construction and renovation projects.