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**An Act To Repeal the School Bus Reimbursement Formula and
Replace It with Essential Programs and Services Funding**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative GREENWOOD of Wales.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5401, sub-§15**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §18 and
3 affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15672, sub-§1-C**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. J, §1,
5 is further amended to read:

6 **1-C. Bus purchase costs.** "Bus purchase costs" includes expenditures for bus
7 purchase payments ~~approved by the commissioner and~~ made during the year prior to the
8 allocation year. ~~For bus purchases approved in fiscal year 2004-05 only, 50% of first year~~
9 ~~approved payments must be allocated in fiscal year 2006-07 and 50% of first year approved~~
10 ~~payments must be allocated in fiscal year 2007-08.~~

11 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15672, sub-§32-C**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §36
12 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is amended to read:

13 **32-C. Transportation operating costs.** "Transportation operating costs" means all
14 costs incurred in the transportation of pupils in kindergarten to grade 12, including bus
15 purchase costs, lease costs for bus garage and maintenance facilities and lease-purchase
16 costs that the school administrative unit may apply to the purchase of bus garage and
17 maintenance facilities, when the leases and lease-purchase agreements have been approved
18 by the commissioner, but ~~excluding the costs of bus purchases and~~ excluding all costs not
19 associated with transporting students from home to school and back home each day. The
20 amount includable for determining the subsidy for a school administrative unit for lease-
21 purchase of bus garage and maintenance facilities may not exceed the amount for the lease
22 of a comparable facility.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill repeals the provision of law relating to commissioner approval of school bus
25 purchases and includes school bus purchase costs in transportation operating costs in the
26 Essential Programs and Services funding formula.