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## An Act To Calculate Essential Programs and Services Funding on an Equal Labor Market

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

- **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15676, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §39 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is further amended to read:
- 1. Teaching staff costs. The salary and benefit costs for school level teaching staff that are necessary to carry out this Act, calculated in accordance with section 15678, adjusted by the regional adjustment under section 15682 and reduced by the amount of funds received by the school administrative unit during the most recent fiscal year under Title 1 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965, 20 United States Code, Section 6301 et seq.;
- **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15676, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §39 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is further amended to read:
- **2. Other staff costs.** The salary and benefit costs for school-level staff who are not teachers, but including substitute teachers, that are necessary to carry out this Act, calculated in accordance with section 15679, adjusted by the regional adjustment under section 15682 and reduced by the amount of funds received by the school administrative unit during the most recent fiscal year under Title 1 of the federal Elementary and Secondary Act of 1965, 20 United States Code, Section 6301 et seq.; and
  - **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15682,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. C, §6, is repealed.

## **SUMMARY**

This bill amends the essential programs and services laws so that salary and benefit costs for school level teaching and nonteaching staff are treated equally throughout the State.