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An Act Regarding Insured Value Factor Payments for Public Tuition Students Attending a Private School

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VALENTINO of York.

Cosponsored by Senators: President ALFOND of Cumberland, CAIN of Penobscot,

Representative: CHENETTE of Saco.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5806, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 571, Pt. E, §8, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Maximum allowable tuition.** The maximum allowable tuition charged to a
5 school administrative unit by a private school is the rate established under subsection 1 or
6 the state average per public secondary student cost as adjusted, whichever is lower, plus
7 an insured value factor. ~~For school year 2009-2010 only, the maximum allowable tuition~~
8 ~~rate, prior to the addition of the insured value factor, must be reduced by 2%; the insured~~
9 ~~value factor must be based on this reduced rate.~~ The insured value factor is computed by
10 dividing 5% of the insured value of school buildings and equipment by the average
11 number of pupils enrolled in the school on October 1st and April 1st of the year
12 immediately before the school year for which the tuition charge is computed. ~~For the~~
13 ~~2008-2009 school year only, a school administrative unit is not required to pay an insured~~
14 ~~value factor greater than 5% of the school's tuition rate per student, unless the legislative~~
15 ~~body of the school administrative unit votes to authorize its school board to pay a higher~~
16 ~~insured value factor that is no greater than 10% of the school's tuition rate per student.~~
17 Beginning in From school year 2009-2010 to school year 2012-2013, a school
18 administrative unit is not required to pay an insured value factor greater than 5% of the
19 school's tuition rate or \$500 per student, whichever is less, unless the legislative body of
20 the school administrative unit votes to authorize its school board to pay a higher insured
21 value factor that is no greater than 10% of the school's tuition rate per student. For the
22 2013-2014 school year, a school administrative unit is not required to pay an insured
23 value factor greater than 6% of the school's tuition rate per student, unless the legislative
24 body of the school administrative unit votes to authorize its school board to pay a higher
25 insured value factor that is not greater than 11% of the school's tuition rate per student.
26 For the 2014-2015 school year, a school administrative unit is not required to pay an
27 insured value factor greater than 8% of the school's tuition rate per student, unless the
28 legislative body of the school administrative unit votes to authorize its school board to
29 pay a higher insured value factor that is not greater than 13% of the school's tuition rate
30 per student. Beginning in school year 2015-2016, a school administrative unit is not
31 required to pay an insured value factor greater than 10% of the school's tuition rate per
32 student, unless the legislative body of the school administrative unit votes to authorize its
33 school board to pay a higher insured value factor that is not greater than 15% of the
34 school's tuition rate per student.

35 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill increases the insured value factor portion of the tuition rate that a private
37 school may charge for public tuition students to 6% of the tuition rate in school year
38 2013-2014, to 8% of the tuition rate in school year 2014-2015 and to 10% of the tuition
39 rate beginning in school year 2015-2016, which was the rate permitted prior to school
40 year 2008-2009.