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§1485. Cost center summary budget format

After January 31, 2008, the format of the annual budget of a regional school unit must be in accordance with this section. [2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW).]

1. Cost center summary budget format. The regional school unit budget must consist of the following cost centers and supporting data:

A. Expenditures:

- (1) Regular instruction;
- (2) Special education;
- (3) Career and technical education;
- (4) Other instruction, including summer school and extracurricular instruction;
- (5) Student and staff support;
- (6) System administration;
- (7) School administration;
- (8) Transportation and buses;
- (9) Facilities maintenance;
- (10) Debt service and other commitments; and
- (11) All other expenditures, including school lunch; [2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW).]

B. Revenue sources:

- (1) Total education costs appropriated pursuant to section 15690, subsection 1;

(2) Non-state-funded debt service costs approved pursuant to section 15690, subsection 2, if any; and

(3) Additional local funds, if any, approved pursuant to section 15690, subsection 3, paragraph A; [2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW).]

C. A summary of total regional school unit expenditures; [2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW).]

D. Other optional local data showing the amount and percentage of changes proposed in the state allocation, the local share and the total regional school unit budget and related information determined appropriate by the regional school unit board of directors; [2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW).]

E. Data similar to that provided in paragraph A for a high-performing regional school unit of a size and demographic profile determined by the department that is comparable to the regional school unit; and [2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW).]

F. For fiscal year 2008-09, data documenting state and local savings from the reorganization to regional school units and the resulting mill rate reduction for each municipality. [2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW).]

[2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW) .]

2. Budget warrant. The warrant articles presented to the legislative body of the regional school unit for approval of the regional school unit budget must correspond to the categories of the cost center summary budget described in subsection 1. In addition to expenditure and revenue cost center summary totals, the regional school unit board shall provide to voters a reasonably detailed breakdown for each major subcategory within each budget category. The department shall adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A defining and establishing the content of those informational subcategories.

[2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW) .]

3. Budget approval. A regional school unit's cost center summary budget must be approved at a regional school unit budget meeting and by a budget validation referendum as provided in section 1486.

[2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW) .]

4. Transfer between budget cost center lines. During the year for which the budget is approved using the cost center summary budget format, the regional school unit board may transfer an amount not exceeding 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers without voter approval.

[2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW) .]

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§1486. Budget validation referendum

(CONFLICT)

After January 31, 2008, the procedure for approval of the annual budget of a regional school unit must be in accordance with this section and section 1485. [2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW) .]

1. Budget validation. Following development of the annual regional school unit budget and approval at a regional school unit budget meeting as provided in section 1485, a referendum must be held in the regional school unit as provided in this section to allow the voters to validate or reject the total budget adopted at the regional school unit budget meeting.

Every 3 years, the voters in a regional school unit shall consider continued use of the budget validation referendum process. The warrant at the budget validation referendum in the 3rd year following adoption or continuation of the referendum process must include an article by which the voters of the school administrative district may indicate whether they wish to continue the process for another 3 years. A vote to continue retains the process for 3 additional years. A vote to discontinue the process ends its use beginning with the following budget year and prohibits its reconsideration for at least 3 years.

[2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW) .]

2. Validation referendum procedures. The budget validation referendum must be held on or before the 14th calendar day following the scheduled date of the regional school unit budget meeting. The referendum may not be held on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday. The vote at referendum is for the purpose of approving or rejecting the total regional school unit budget approved at the regional school unit budget meeting. The regional school unit board shall provide printed information to be displayed at polling places to assist voters in

voting. That information is limited to the total amounts proposed by the regional school unit board for each cost center summary budget category article, the amount approved at the regional school unit budget meeting, a summary of the total authorized expenditures and, if applicable because of action on an article under section 15690, subsection 3, paragraph A, a statement that the amount approved at the regional school unit budget meeting includes locally raised funds that exceed the maximum state and local spending target pursuant to section 15671-A, subsection 5.

[2007, c. 668, §19 (AMD) .]

3. Budget validation referendum voting. The method of calling and voting at a budget validation referendum is as provided in sections 1503 and 1504, except as otherwise provided in this subsection or as is inconsistent with other requirements of this section.

A. A public hearing is not required before the vote. [2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW).]

B. [2007, c. 668, §20 (RP).]

C. The warrant and absentee ballots must be delivered to the municipal clerk no later than the day after the date of the regional school unit budget meeting. [2007, c. 668, §20 (AMD).]

D. Absentee ballots received by the municipal clerk may not be processed or counted unless received on the day after the conclusion of the regional school unit budget meeting and before the close of the polls. [2007, c. 668, §20 (AMD).]

E. All envelopes containing absentee ballots received before the day after the conclusion of the regional school unit budget meeting or after the close of the polls must be marked "rejected" by the municipal clerk. [2007, c. 668, §20 (AMD).]

F. (CONFLICT: Text as amended by PL 2007, c. 668, §20) The article to be voted on must be in the following form:

(1) "Do you favor approving the (name of regional school unit) budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest regional school unit budget meeting?

Yes No"

[2007, c. 668, §20 (AMD).]

F. (CONFLICT: Text as amended by PL 2007, c. 695, Pt. G, §1) If the school budget does not exceed the maximum state and local spending target pursuant to section 15671-A, subsection 5, the article to be voted on must be in the following form:

(1) "Do you favor approving the (name of school unit) budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the

latest (name of school unit) budget meeting?

Yes No"

[2007, c. 695, Pt. G, §1 (AMD).]

G. (CONFLICT: Text as repealed by PL 2007, c. 668, §20) [2007, c. 668, §20 (RP).]

G. (CONFLICT: Text as amended by PL 2007, c. 695, Pt. G, §2) If the school budget exceeds the maximum state and local spending target pursuant to section 15671-A, subsection 5, the article to be voted on for a budget that includes locally raised funds over and above the regional school unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act must be in the following form:

(1) "Do you favor approving the (name of school unit) budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the latest (name of school unit) budget meeting and that includes locally raised funds that exceed the required local contribution as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act?"

Yes No

A YES vote allows additional funds to be raised for K-12 public education.

A NO vote means additional funds cannot be raised for K-12 public education."

[2007, c. 695, Pt. G, §2 (AMD).]

[2007, c. 668, §20 (AMD); 2007, c. 695, Pt. G, §§1, 2 (AMD) .]

4. Failure to approve budget. If the voters do not validate the budget approved in the regional school unit budget meeting at the budget validation referendum vote, the regional school unit board shall hold another regional school unit budget meeting in accordance with this section and section 1485 at least 10 days after the referendum to vote on a budget approved by the regional school unit board. The budget approved at the regional school unit budget meeting must be submitted to the voters for validation at referendum in accordance with this section. The process must be repeated until a budget is approved at a regional school unit budget meeting and validated at referendum. If a budget is not approved and validated before July 1st of each year, section 1487 applies.

[2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13 (NEW). 2007, c. 668, §§19,

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§2307. School budgets

Notwithstanding any other law, municipal school budgets developed after January 1, 2008 must follow the same school budget requirements as regional school units pursuant to chapter 103-A, except as described in subsections 1 and 2. A municipal school unit is deemed to be a regional school unit solely for the purpose of developing a budget pursuant to chapter 103-A. [2007, c. 668, §28 (AMD); 2007, c. 668, §55 (AFF).]

1. Budget meeting. In charter municipalities the budget meeting required by section 1485, subsection 3 must be a meeting of the municipal council or other municipal legislative body established by the charter with authority to approve the budget.

[2007, c. 668, §28 (NEW); 2007, c. 668, §55 (AFF) .]

2. Municipal charter. In charter municipalities where the municipal charter confers upon a municipal council or other municipal legislative body the authority to determine the total amount of the school budget and confers upon the school committee or school board the authority to direct the expenditure of those funds for school purposes, the municipal council or other municipal legislative body shall determine the total amount of the school budget to be submitted to a budget validation referendum and the school committee or school board shall determine the allocation of the approved school budget among the cost centers of the cost center summary budget format.

[2007, c. 668, §28 (NEW); 2007, c. 668, §55 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §21 (NEW). 2007, c. 668, §28 (AMD). 2007, c. 668, §55 (AFF).

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Beginning with the budget for the 2005-2006 school year, the following provisions apply to local appropriations for school purposes. [2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §62 (NEW); 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §§72, 74 (AFF); 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, §18 (AFF).]

1. School administrative unit contribution to total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. The legislative body of each school administrative unit may vote to raise and appropriate an amount up to its required contribution to the total cost of education as described in section 15688.

A. For a municipal school unit, an article in substantially the following form must be used when a single municipal school administrative unit is considering the appropriation of an amount up to its required contribution to the total cost of education as described in section 15688.

(1) "Article.....: To see what sum the municipality will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act (Recommend \$.....) and to see what sum the municipality will raise as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. (Recommend \$.....)"

(2) The following statement must accompany the article in subparagraph (1). "Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount

of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that a municipality must raise in order to receive the full amount of state dollars." [.]

[PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, § 5 (AMD).] [PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, § 18 (AFF).]

[[PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, § 5 (AMD).].]

[[PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, § 18 (AFF).].]

B. For a school administrative district , a community school district or a regional school unit, an article in substantially the following form must be used when the school administrative district , community school district or regional school unit is considering the appropriation of an amount up to its required contribution to the total cost of education as described in section 15688.

(1) "Article: To see what sum the district will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the district will raise and assess as each municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688 (Recommend amount set forth below):

Total Appropriated (by municipality):	Total raised (district assessments by municipality):
Town A (\$amount)	Town A (\$amount)
Town B (\$amount)	Town B (\$amount)
Town C (\$amount)	Town C (\$amount)
School District	School District
Total Appropriated (\$sum of above)	Total Raised (\$sum of above)"

(2) The following statement must accompany the article in subparagraph (1). "Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the district must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars." [2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §31 (AMD).]

C. The state share of the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in section 15688, excluding state-funded debt service for each school

administrative unit, is limited to the same proportion as the local school administrative unit raises of its required contribution to the total cost of education as described in section 15688, excluding state-funded debt service costs. For school administrative units that annually demonstrate savings by purchasing supplies using an electronic bidding forum, the commissioner may suspend all or a portion of any adjustment to the unit's state contribution pursuant to this paragraph. [2007, c. 539, Pt. C, §15 (AMD).]

[2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §31 (AMD); 2007, c. 539, Pt. C, §15 (AMD) .]

2. Non-state-funded debt service. For a school administrative unit's indebtedness previously approved by its legislative body for non-state-funded major capital school construction projects or non-state-funded portions of major capital school construction projects and minor capital projects, the legislative body of each school administrative unit may vote to raise and appropriate an amount up to the municipality's or district's annual payments for non-state-funded debt service.

A. An article in substantially the following form must be used when a school administrative unit is considering the appropriation for debt service allocation for non-state-funded school construction projects or non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects.

(1) "Article: To see what sum the (municipality or district) will raise and appropriate for the annual payments on debt service previously approved by the legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects and minor capital projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12. (Recommend \$.....)"

(2) The following statement must accompany the article in subparagraph (1). "Explanation: Non-state-funded debt service is the amount of money needed for the annual payments on the (municipality's or district's) long-term debt for major capital school construction projects and minor capital renovation projects that are not approved for state subsidy. The bonding of this long-term debt was previously approved by the voters or other legislative body." [.]

[PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, § 6 (AMD).] [PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, § 18 (AFF).]

[[PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, § 6 (AMD).].]

[[PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, § 18 (AFF).].]

[2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, §6 (AMD); 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, §18 (AFF) .]

3. Additional local appropriation. A school administrative unit may raise and expend funds for educational purposes in addition to the funds under subsections 1 and 2.

A. If the amount of the additional funds does not result in the unit's exceeding its maximum state and local spending target established pursuant to section 15671-A, subsection 4, an article in substantially the following form must be used when a school administrative unit is considering the appropriation of additional local funds:

(1) "Article: To see what sum the (municipality or district) will raise and to appropriate the sum of (Recommend \$....) in additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690. (Recommend \$.....)"

(2) The following statement must accompany the article in subparagraph (1). "Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the (municipality's or district's) budget for educational programs." [.]

[PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. AAAA, § 17 (AMD).]

B. If the amount exceeds the unit's maximum state and local spending target established pursuant to section 15671-A, subsection 4, an article in substantially the following form must be used when a school administrative unit is considering an appropriation of additional local funds.

(1) "Article: Shall (name of municipality or district) raise and appropriate \$..... in additional local funds, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by \$..... as required to fund the budget recommended by the (school committee or board of directors)?"

The (school committee or board of directors) recommends \$..... for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$.....:

(2) The following statement must accompany the article in subparagraph (1). "Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding

Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state-funded debt service that will help achieve the (municipality's or district's) budget for educational programs." [.]

[PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. AAAA, § 18 (AMD).]

[[PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. AAAA, §§17, 18 (AMD).].]
[2005, c. 519, Pt. AAAA, §§17, 18 (AMD) .]

4. Total budget article. A school administrative unit must include a summary article indicating the total annual budget for funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 in the school administrative unit. The amount recommended must be the gross budget of the school system. This article does not provide money unless the other articles are approved.

A. "Article: To see what sum the (municipality or district) will authorize the school committee to expend for the fiscal year beginning (July 1, ...) and ending (June 30, ...) from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15690, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. (Recommend \$.....)" [.]

[PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, § 62 (NEW).] [PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §§72, 74 (AFF).] [PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, § 18 (AFF).]

[[PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, § 62 (NEW).].]
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[2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §62 (NEW); 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §§72, 74 (AFF); 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, §18 (AFF) .]

5. Vote. Actions taken pursuant to subsections 1 to 4 must be taken by a recorded vote.

[[PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, § 62 (NEW).].]
[[PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §§72, 74 (AFF).].]
[[PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, § 18 (AFF).].]
[2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §62 (NEW); 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §§72, 74 (AFF); 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, §18 (AFF) .]

6. Administrative costs for units with no pupils. If a school administrative unit is required to pay administrative costs and has no allocation of state or local funds, that unit may raise and expend funds for administrative costs.

[[PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, § 62 (NEW).].]
[[PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §§72, 74 (AFF).].]
[[PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, § 18 (AFF).].]
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2005, c. 2, §D62 (NEW). 2005, c. 12, §§WW5-7 (AMD).
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