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S. P. 633

In Senate, January 17, 1966

The Committee on Education suggested.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Snow of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SIX

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**AN ACT to Clarify State Aid for School Construction Purposes.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, certain administrative units find it more feasible financially to construct new buildings rather than remodeling old ones; and

Whereas, such action requires more state money than would be required if remodeling were done; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 3518, amended.** The 6th, 7th and 8th paragraphs of section 3518 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes are amended to read as follows:

“Capital outlay purposes” as the term is used in this Title shall mean the cost of new construction, expansion, acquisition or major alteration of a public school building, the cost of acquisition of all land or interest therein of any nature or description for such construction, expansion, acquisition or major alteration, and any legal appraisal or surveyors’ fees or services with relation thereto, the cost of demolition, of removing any buildings or structures on land so acquired, the cost of furnishings and equipment, financing charges, insurance during construction, cost of architectural, engineering and other legal expenses, plans, specifications, estimates of costs, and such other expense as may be necessary and incidental to any construction, expansion, acquisition or major alteration

of a public school building and the placing of such a building in operation, **and the cost of athletic fields and related physical education facilities which may be included in the school project.**

The term "school building" as used in this section shall mean ~~but not be limited to~~ any structure ~~or athletic field~~ used or useful for schools and playgrounds, including facilities for physical education.

The term "major alteration" as used in this section shall mean the cost of ~~acquiring new equipment, the cost of converting an existing public school building to the housing of another or additional grade level group, or providing additional school facilities in an existing public school building but shall not include the restoration of an existing public school building or piece of equipment within it, to a new condition of completeness or efficiency from a worn, damaged or deteriorated condition a new condition of completeness or efficiency from a worn, damaged or deteriorated condition whenever the plans for such an alteration have been approved in accordance with section 3623.~~

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 3518, amended.** The next to the last paragraph of section 3518 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 429 of the public laws of 1965, is amended by adding at the end, a new sentence, as follows:

**'Before computing the eligible expenditure of any administrative unit for construction aid, the commissioner shall cause to be deducted all moneys expended on the project which were received from federal sources.'**

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.