

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 386

S. P. 124

In Senate, January 28, 1969

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Dunn of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to School Construction Aid.

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

R. S., T. 20, § 3457, amended. The 11th paragraph of section 3457 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

For each eligible unit the construction subsidy allocation thereafter shall be the applicable percentage of the construction costs as defined in this section obtained from Table II below. **Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or of section 3458 or section 3459, each administrative unit shall be reimbursed during the life of its bond issue at the same percentage rate that was in effect at the time the voters authorized the borrowing of money for the construction project.** 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.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

When new construction projects are being considered at the local level, citizens are led to believe that the State will participate at a certain percentage of the total cost. However, as state valuations change the state's share of construction aid decreases, and in effect, the State is not keeping faith with the people. It is estimated that the proposed bond issue for school construction aid would have to be increased by approximately \$1,000,000 to cover the cost for the 1970-71 biennium.