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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1037

S. P. 338

In Senate, February 22, 1973

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Conley of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

**AN ACT to Permit the State Board of Education to Reimburse the City of
Portland for School Construction.**

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

City of Portland; reimbursed for school construction. Notwithstanding either the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 3457, which provides that any school administrative unit, which begins construction on a school construction aid project before such a project has been finally approved by the State Board of Education, becomes ineligible for school construction aid on that particular project or any other provision of law relating to the timing of such application, its approval and payments thereunder, the State Board of Education is hereby authorized to accept the application of the superintending school committee of the City of Portland for school construction aid for the projects described below on which construction was begun prior to the granting of final approval by the State Board of Education:

West School — remodel library area

North School — replace window frames and sashes

Cummings School — new electric panels and feeders

Deering High School — installation of electrical outlets

Lincoln Jr. High School — replace window frames and sashes

Morrill School — new electrical service

Burglar alarm installations in various schools

Fire safety alterations for all public schools in the City of Portland; and if the State Board of Education finds that the application of the superintending school committee of the City of Portland otherwise meets the requirements established by law, it shall waive any requirements relating to the timing of such application, its approval and payments thereunder, and it shall approve the said projects for state aid, issue an appropriate certificate of approval and authorize payment of such aid to the City of Portland.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit the State Board of Education to award school construction aid to the City of Portland. The projects in question were granted preliminary approval by the staff of the State Board of Education. The City of Portland omitted to file Form SCA-1 with the State Board of Education for final approval before it initiated work on the projects in question. Under the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 20, section 3457, any administrative unit which begins construction prior to final approval by the State Board of Education becomes ineligible for school construction aid.