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E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carey of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Cost of School Construction for State Aid.

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

20 MRSA, § 3457, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 783, §§ 26 and 27, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraphs:

The square foot construction cost of school buildings shall be determined by the State Board of Education on the basis of average construction costs within the State. Design fees, cost of furnishings and equipment, landscaping, walks and driveways, and site acquisition costs shall be excluded when computing the square foot construction cost.

Except as otherwise provided, the amount of State construction aid due an administrative unit shall be computed by applying the applicable percentage of state support of construction projects against the cost of the project, but only to the extent of the average square foot cost prevailing on the date of the opening of the bids on the project. Any cost in excess thereof shall be financed entirely by the unit, except that the amount of state construction aid may be adjusted upward when need therefor is determined by the State Board of Education, taking into consideration the geographic isolation of the unit, site conditions or other such conditions of the project.

The square foot construction cost figure to be utilized when determining the amount of state support due a unit shall be \$24 as of the effective date of this Act, or so much thereof as may be required on the basis of the bids received. The square foot construction cost level set forth in the previous sentence shall be adjusted upward by the board to correspond with increases in

construction cost as measured semiannually by the Dodge Building Cost Index, such adjusted square foot cost level to be effective at the beginning of the succeeding semiannual period.

State construction aid on projects approved after the effective date of this Act shall not be granted for swimming pools, skating rinks or observatories.

Rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Education relating to school construction shall not exceed the standards set forth by the National Building Code, the State Insurance Bureau and the State Department of Health and Welfare.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is to set forth a method which the State Board of Education shall use to determine the square foot construction cost of school buildings.