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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 533

S. P. 159

In Senate, February 5, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator O'Leary of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Require Department of Environmental Certification before a
School Unit may Commence School Construction.**

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

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

No administrative unit shall commence construction of any project until it has received from the Department of Environmental Protection, a certification that all licenses required with respect to the project have been issued or that none are required. This requirement of certification from the Department of Environmental Protection shall likewise apply to any subsequent enlargement of or addition to such project. An application for such certification shall be issued within 30 days from the date such application is received by the Department of Environmental Protection.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill adds to the school statute a requirement that projects receive environmental certification from the Department of Environmental Protection. A similar requirement is found in the laws administered by the Maine Guarantee Authority.

The amendment will clarify an existing administrative procedure as well as call to the attention of school officials the need for environmental considerations when planning construction projects.