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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1701

H. P. 1484

House of Representatives, April 26, 1977

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 25. Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Chonko of Topsham.

Cosponsors: Mr. Moody of Richmond and Mr. Garsoe of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to the Payment to Provide for Waste Disposal at
Mt. Ararat High School.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Navy Base in Topsham is currently providing sewage waste treatment from Mt. Ararat High School; and

Whereas, the Navy Base has been required to tie in to the Topsham town sewer line; and

Whereas, the Navy has required that School Administrative District No. 75 pay a proportionate share of the cost for new construction based on sewage flow level, this amount is being set at \$23,000; and

Whereas, the only alternative for School Administrative District No. 75 is to connect directly to the new town sewer line, a distance of over 2,000 feet away, at an estimated cost of \$50,000 to \$75,000; and

Whereas, the need to provide for waste disposal for Mt. Ararat High School constitutes an absolute emergency; and

Whereas, the Navy construction will take place off the school site; and

Whereas, off-site construction cost may not be authorized by the State Board of Education; 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:

The prorated share of the Navy sewer connection deemed payable from emergency capital funds. The prorated cost of connecting the Navy pumping station to the Town of Topsham sewer line, the cost of which shall not exceed \$23,200, is deemed in this isolated instance to be a construction project cost and the State Board of Education is authorized to consider a request from School Administrative District No. 75 for reimbursement under the provisions of Title 20, section 3750.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Passage of this bill would authorize the State Board of Education to consider a request from School Administrative District No. 75 for the reimbursement for the district's share of the cost of connecting the Navy pumping station to the new Town of Topsham sewer line. Passage of this bill will require no additional appropriation of funds. The only alternative to this action would more than double the cost.