

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 874

H. P. 696

House of Representatives, March 1, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Connolly of Portland, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. McMahon of Kennebunk.

Cosponsors: Mr. Hanson of Kennebunkport, Mrs. Sewall of Newcastle and Mr. Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Honor School Construction Projects Approved under Prior Laws.

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

Whereas, adequate school facilities are vital to the maintenance of a sound educational environment; and

Whereas, laws relating to the state reimbursement for school construction projects have been changed since some projects received final approval; and

Whereas, these changes have adversely affected some units; 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:

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 4750, sub-§ 5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. State allocation for certain construction projects. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the state allocation for debt service on bonds issued by an administrative unit for any school construction project approved with or without conditions between January 1, 1974 and July 1, 1977, shall be adjusted to include the total amount of the local allocation for debt service on the project whether or not construction of the project has commenced.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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Debt Service

\$679,070

Emergency clause; retroactivity. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved unless otherwise indicated and payments authorized under the Act shall be made retroactive to July 1, 1978.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to ensure that the State includes the local allocation for debt service on school construction projects approved between January 1, 1974 and July 1, 1977, as part of the state allocation for debt service on these projects. For the current year payments will include debt service cost in the following units: Wells, Boothbay Harbor, Trenton and York. Other units with projects approved within the period specified may be eligible for payments in the future.