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House of Representatives, March 23, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Diamond of Windham.

Cosponsor: Mr. Pearson of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Reduce State Review Requirements of School Projects.

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

20 MRSA § 3483, sub-§ 1, as amended by PL 1977, c. 690, § 13, is further amended to read:

1. Approval of plans and specifications. The plans and specifications of a school construction project or a minor capital outlay project with an estimated cost of \$25,000 or more prepared by a building committee shall include suitable provision for the health, welfare and safety of the persons who will utilize the project. The plans and specifications shall be approved by the Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Public Improvements; Department of Educational and Cultural Services; Department of Human Services; **and the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Environmental Protection** before they may be accepted by the administrative unit's governing body. Any changes in the plans and specifications must be approved by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The costs of a school construction project have no relationship to the need for review by the Department of Environmental Protection. The department should only get involved in projects when environmental considerations require its intervention. The statutes administered by the department set forth in detail the factors, such as size, which require that a project receive environmental review, which requirements are not based on estimated costs.