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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 734, L.D. 1913, Bill,
"AN ACT to Authorize a Bond Issue in the Amount of \$4,500,000
for Energy Conservation Improvements for Public School Buildings
and the University of Maine."

Amend the bill in section 1, subsection 1, by striking out
all of the last sentence and inserting in its place the following:
'These improvements include, but are not limited to, installation
of storm windows and insulation and updating of heating, ventila-
tion, electrical and lighting systems.'

Further amend the bill in section 1, by striking out all
of subsection 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'2. Energy efficient survey. Energy efficiency surveys
are comprehensive studies undertaken under the supervision of
the Bureau of Public improvements to determine the type of im-
provements that can be applied to a building in order to decrease
the energy operating cost of that building. Such a survey in-
cludes a classification of no-cost, low-cost and major-cost items
and also includes a determination of the cost effectiveness of
each of the recommended improvements. These surveys shall be
consistent with requirements established by the Director of the
Office of Energy Resources.'

Further amend the bill in section 2, next to the last sen-
tence, by striking out the following figure: "10" and inserting
in its place the following figure: '5'

Further amend the bill in section 2 by adding at the end the following sentence:

'All bonds not issued within 5 years of the ratification of this Act shall be deauthorized, and may not be issued.'

Further amend the bill in section 6 by striking out in the first paragraph the following words:

"allocated to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services and"

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 7 and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 7. Allocations from bond issue.

EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Public elementary and secondary schools

Funds shall be disbursed on the basis of 90% state matching funds in accordance with the results of the energy efficiency surveys and with the approval of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services. The remaining 10% of the cost shall be borne by participating local school units and will not be eligible for state reimbursement. Cost: \$2.5 million

University of Maine

Funds shall be disbursed in accordance with the results of the energy efficiency surveys and with the approval of the Chancellor of the University of Maine. Cost: \$2 million'

Statement of Fact

This amendment clarifies the provisions for authorizing a \$4.5 million bond issue for energy conservation improvements in Maine's public schools and universities. A \$10 million bond issue was approved in 1977. Five million dollars was allocated to public school buildings and \$5 million for ~~S~~State-owned buildings has been expended, resulting in a savings of about 3.8 million gallons of oil annually. The total savings of these energy efficiency improvements ^{are} / estimated to be \$2,237,000 annually, or \$22,370,000 over the 10-year life of the bonds. The cost of the bonding is estimated to be \$6,600,000 over the same 10-year period.

An additional \$2.5 million is necessary to extend the program to 260 remaining public schools, and \$2 million is needed for energy conservation improvements at each of the campuses of the University of Maine.

The amendment shortens the bonding period in the bill from 10 to 5 years, and deauthorizes the bonds if they are not issued within a 5-year period. The amendment also specifies that cost sharing for public school projects will be 90% State, 10% local funding.

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