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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 777

H.P. 625

House of Representatives, February 16, 1983

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative LaPlante of Sabattus.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE

AN ACT to Provide for Self-insurance
for State Elementary and Secondary School
Buildings.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4001, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15503, sub-§16, ¶¶G and H, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, are amended to read:

G. Vocational education costs in subsection 24;
~~and~~

H. Costs of maintaining:

(1) The Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf;

- 1 (2) The Maine Youth Center; and
2 (3) Schools in the unorganized territories
3 as defined in section 3201-; and

4 Sec. 3. 20-A MRS §15503, sub-§16, ¶I is enacted
5 to read:

6 I. The cost of fire and allied insurance to
7 cover the replacement costs of school buildings.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 This bill removes the requirement for school
10 units to insure school buildings and disallows the
11 inclusion of these insurance premiums as subsidizable
12 costs under the School Finance Act. The existing
13 mechanism for approving and funding school construc-
14 tion projects in the Revised Statutes, Title 20-A,
15 chapter 609, acts as a self-insurance program for
16 school buildings. Since the cost of the insurance
17 premiums over the past 5 years totaled \$10.5 million
18 while the proceeds totaled only \$2.8 million, the
19 estimated yearly savings would be \$1.5 million total
20 of which the state's share would be approximately
21 \$800,000.

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