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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 317, L.D. 919,
Bill, "AN ACT Relating to the Issuance of Bonds or
Notes for Union Schools."

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Amend the Bill by inserting after the enacting
clause the following:

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'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2102, sub-§2, as enacted by
PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed and the fol-
lowing enacted in its place:

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2. Construction aid. Municipalities which are
parties to a union school agreement shall be eligible
for school construction aid on school construction
projects for union schools in accordance with this
section.

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Further amend the Bill by inserting at the begin-
ning of the first line after the enacting clause
(page 1, line 6 in the L.D.) the following:
'Sec. 2.'

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Further amend the Bill in subsection 3 by strik-
ing out all of the first sentence (page 1, lines 8 to
11 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:
'Municipalities which are parties to a union school
agreement may undertake school construction projects
for union schools in accordance with chapter 609
whether or not that school construction is expressly
authorized by the union school agreement.'

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Further amend the Bill in subsection 4 by strik-
ing out all of the first sentence (page 2, lines 4 to
11 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the follow-
ing: 'Notwithstanding any provision of a union
school agreement to the contrary, each municipality
participating in a union school construction project

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1 shall pay the percentage of the cost of the project
2 which corresponds to that municipality's percentage
3 of union school operating costs in the year in which
4 the project receives concept approval; be entitled to
5 the debt service allocation attributable to the bonds
6 or notes which that municipality has issued for the
7 project; and own, as a tenant in common with the oth-
8 er participating municipalities, the percentage of
9 the buildings and real property constructed or ac-
10 quired in conjunction with the project which corre-
11 sponds to that municipality's percentage of the orig-
12 inal cost of the project.'

13 Further amend the Bill in subsection 4 by insert-
14 ing after the last sentence the following: 'In the
15 event that a union school agreement is terminated, no
16 provision of the termination formula or agreement nor
17 the decision of the Commissioner of Educational and
18 Cultural Services regarding termination may impair
19 the obligations of the municipalities to their bond
20 holders.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This amendment authorizes municipalities which
3 are parties to existing union school agreements to
4 undertake school construction projects for new union
5 schools without adopting new union school agreements;
6 provides that jointly financed land and buildings for
7 union schools shall be jointly owned by the municipi-
8 palities as tenants in common; and provides that the
9 debt service allocation attributable to the project
10 shall be allocated to each municipality in the per-
11 centage of its contribution to the project. The
12 amendment also provides that in the event of termina-
13 tion of a union school agreement, the obligation of
14 the municipalities to their bond holders shall not be
15 impaired.

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