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L.D. 1078  
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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
114TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 412, L.D. 1078, Bill, "An Act Concerning the Construction of Portable Classrooms"

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of paragraph E and inserting in its place the following:

'E. Purchase or cost of construction of portable, temporary classroom space as approved by the commissioner beginning January 1, 1988. The amount includable for determining the subsidy for a school administrative unit for the purchase or construction of portable temporary classroom space shall not exceed the amount that would have been paid for lease of a comparable classroom. The department shall adopt rules for approving the purchase, construction or lease-purchase of portable temporary classroom space, and for determining the amount includable for subsidy purposes. Approved costs shall be those for the year prior to the year of allocation.'

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 5 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §15901, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1983, c. 613, is further amended to read:

4. School construction project. "School construction project" means:

- A. On-site additions to existing schools;
- B. New schools;
- C. The cost of land acquired in conjunction with projects otherwise defined by this subsection;
- D. The building of or acquisition of other facilities related to the operation of school administrative units;

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E. The complete restoration of existing school buildings in lieu of replacement when in the judgment of the commissioner the action is in the best interest of the State and local unit; and

F. Off-site construction may only be included within the meaning of this term if, in the judgment of the commissioner, it is economically in the best interests of the State or there is no other practical way to complete a project.

"School construction project" does not mean the purchase, lease-purchase or construction of portable temporary classroom space, as defined in section 15603, subsection 19-A.

Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §15901, sub-§4-A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 248, §2, is amended to read:

4-A. Small scale school construction project. "Small scale school construction project" means a project which will not be eligible for state subsidy and is limited to:

A. New buildings not exceeding 600 square feet in gross area to be utilized solely for storage or custodial work, or both; or

B. On-site additions to existing school buildings not exceeding 600 square feet in gross area.

"Small scale school construction project" does not mean the purchase, lease-purchase or construction of portable temporary classroom space, as defined in section 15603, subsection 19-A.

**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill will not significantly affect total payments under General Purpose Aid for Local Schools.'

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

The amendment removes the provisions of the bill requiring the department to establish guidelines for schools to develop programs to build portable classrooms. The amendment also clarifies that portable classroom purchase does not fall under the school construction approval process in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 609.

Reported by Senator Bost for the Committee on Education.  
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