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In Senate, May 16, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PERKINS of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative FOSTER of Ellsworth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Authorize the Blue Hill School Committee to Enter into Long-term Leases of Land and Buildings for School Purposes.

(EMERGENCY)
(After Deadline)



1 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
3 as emergencies; and

5 Whereas, the present building of the Blue Hill Consolidated
6 School is becoming increasingly overcrowded and inadequate to
7 meet the needs of the pupils of Blue Hill; and

9 Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken as quickly as
10 possible to relieve these conditions by means of a school
11 construction project; and

13 Whereas, the Blue Hill School Committee has determined that
14 the most economical means of relieving these conditions is to
15 construct an addition and do renovations to the Blue Hill
16 Consolidated School; and

17 Whereas, the Blue Hill Consolidated School is located on a
18 parcel of leased land which is not of sufficient size to support
19 the new project; and

21 Whereas, the Blue Hill School Committee has been offered a
22 long-term lease on property adjacent to the Blue Hill
23 Consolidated School which the Blue Hill School Committee has
24 determined to be the most economical and desirable site for the
25 proposed school construction project; and

27 Whereas, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section
28 4001, limits leases of school facilities to a term not to exceed
29 10 years which is not a sufficient time to justify the cost of a
30 school construction project; and

33 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
34 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
35 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
36 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
37 safety; now, therefore,

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

41 **20-A MRSA §4001, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:**

43 3-A. Long-term leases authorized. Notwithstanding the
44 provisions of subsection 3, paragraph A, the school committee of
45 the Town of Blue Hill is authorized to lease for school purposes,
46 for one or more terms of up to 99 years each, the existing site
47 of the Blue Hill Consolidated School and up to 20 acres of
48 adjacent land and any buildings located thereon, on terms and
49 conditions as may be approved by the Blue Hill School Committee,
50 and during the term or terms of any leases which may be entered
51 into by the Blue Hill School Committee, the leased premises shall
constitute school property for all purposes including, without

1 limitation, school construction projects, provided that any
2 school construction projects on the leased premises shall be
3 subject to the requirements of chapter 609 and its successor
4 provisions.

5 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
6 preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
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9 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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11 This bill authorizes the school committee of the Town of
12 Blue Hill to lease on a long-term basis the existing site of the
13 Blue Hill Consolidated School and up to 20 acres of additional
14 adjacent land. This additional land is needed to provide an
15 adequate site for a proposed school construction project.