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H.P. 600

House of Representatives, March 14, 1995

An Act to Require That School Buildings Be Renovated Unless New Construction Is More Cost-effective.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMONT of Kittery.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Township 27, CAMPBELL of Holden, CHICK of Lebanon, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, FARNUM of South Berwick, GUERRETTE of Pittston, HATCH of Skowhegan, JOYNER of Hollis, KEANE of Old Town, MARSHALL of Eliot, NADEAU of Saco, NASS of Acton, POULIOT of Lewiston, RICE of South Bristol, TAYLOR of Cumberland, UNDERWOOD of Oxford, WINSOR of Norway, Senator: KIEFFER of Aroostook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15905, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

6 **6. Renovation preferred.** The state board shall require
8 that a school administrative unit that applies for the approval
10 of a project that proposes the construction of a new school
12 building prepare a detailed comparison of the costs required to
14 renovate existing school property and the costs required to
16 construct a new building. The state board may not approve a new
18 construction project unless the construction of the new building
20 is more cost-effective than the renovation of existing school
22 property.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This bill sets limitations on the State Board of Education
20 to authorize new construction and directs the State Board of
22 Education to require school administrative units to prepare cost
24 comparisons between new construction and the renovation of
existing property when applying for the approval of school
construction projects.