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House of Representatives, April 20, 1995

An Act to Extend the Life of Existing School Buildings.

Received by the Clerk of the House on April 18, 1995. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CHARTRAND of Rockland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, DAVIDSON of Brunswick,
DESMOND of Mapleton, GREEN of Monmouth, JOHNSON of South Portland,
LaFOUNTAIN of Biddeford, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, LEMONT of Kittery, MITCHELL of
Vassalboro, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, STEVENS of Orono, WINSOR of Norway, Senator:
PINGREE of Knox.

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§8, ¶C, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. F, §10, is further amended to read:

C. The portion of the tuition costs applicable to the insured value factor computed under section 5806, for the base year; and

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§8, ¶E, as amended by PL 1991, c. 268, §2, is further amended to read:

E. Purchase or cost of construction of portable, temporary classroom space as approved by the commissioner beginning January 1, 1988. For the purposes of this section, "portable, temporary classroom space" means a project consisting of one or more mobile or modular buildings that are at least partially constructed off site and are designed to be moved to other sites with a minimum of disassembly and reassembly. "Portable, temporary classroom space" includes, but is not limited to, space for regular classrooms, small group instruction, libraries, clinics and guidance and administrative office space, including principal and superintendent offices. The amount includable for determining the subsidy for a school administrative unit for the purchase or construction of portable temporary classroom space may 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 are those for the year prior to the year of allocation; and

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§8, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Principal and interest costs for a major repair when the costs exceeds \$100,000 per repair and has been approved by the voters at a referendum. The amount of debt service subsidy for major repair costs is limited as defined in section 15905.

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §15603, sub-§17-A is enacted to read:

17-A. Major repair cost. "Major repair cost" means the cost of a major repair to a school building when the repair is part of a school administrative unit's capital improvement plan and the repair extends the life of the school building.

Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §15905, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

2 C. Principal and interest costs for major repairs, as
3 defined in section 15603, subsection 8, paragraph F and
4 subsection 17-A, may not exceed 10% of the maximum debt
5 service limit specified in Table 1.

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8 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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10 This bill authorizes state funds to be used for major
11 repairs to a school building when the repairs are part of a
12 school administrative unit's capital improvement plan and the
repairs will extend the life of the school building.