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H.P. 878

House of Representatives, February 25, 1997

**An Act to Establish Funding for Repair and Renovation Projects under
the State School Construction Program.**

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 CHARTRAND of Rockland.
Cosponsored by Senator PINGREE of Knox and
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Holden, LEMONT of Kittery, PLOWMAN of Hampden,
POWERS of Rockport, SAVAGE of Union, SKOGLUND of St. George, WHEELER of Eliot,
Senator: LaFOUNTAIN of York.

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

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

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

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

12 E. Purchase or cost of construction of portable, temporary
14 classroom space as approved by the commissioner beginning
January 1, 1988. For the purposes of this section,
16 "portable, temporary classroom space" means a project
consisting of one or more mobile or modular buildings that
18 are at least partially constructed off site and are designed
to be moved to other sites with a minimum of disassembly and
20 reassembly. "Portable, temporary classroom space" includes,
but is not limited to, space for regular classrooms, small
22 group instruction, libraries, clinics and guidance and
administrative office space, including principal and
24 superintendent offices. The amount includable for
determining the subsidy for a school administrative unit for
26 the purchase or construction of portable temporary classroom
space may not exceed the amount that would have been paid
28 for lease of a comparable classroom. The department shall
adopt rules for approving the purchase, construction or
30 lease-purchase of portable temporary classroom space, and
for determining the amount includable for subsidy purposes.
32 Approved costs are those for the year prior to the year of
allocation; and

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

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

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

44 17-A. Major repair cost. "Major repair cost" means the
46 cost of a major repair to a school building when the repair is
part of a school administrative unit's capital improvement plan
48 and the repair extends the life of the school building.

50 **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.

6 The department and the state board jointly shall develop and
7 adopt rules for the award of debt service subsidies for major
8 repair costs. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are
9 major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375,
10 subchapter II-A.

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SUMMARY

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16 This bill authorizes that state funds be used for major
17 repairs to a school building when the repairs are part of a
18 school administrative unit's capital improvement plan and will
19 extend the life of the school building. The bill also requires
20 the Department of Education and the State Board of Education to
 develop rules for the awarding of the funds.