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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 370, L.D. 1229, Bill, "An Act to Authorize the Conversion and Reuse of the Perry Hayden Hall at Pineland Center as an Elementary School"

Amend the bill in the emergency preamble by striking out all of the 5th paragraph (page 1, lines 21 to 25 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'Whereas, SAD 15 has also projected a need for construction of a new kindergarten to grade 5 elementary school at an estimated cost of \$6,000,000; and

Whereas, SAD 15 has projected its costs for portable classrooms until these projects are built at approximately \$117,000 per year; and'

Further amend the bill in the emergency preamble in the 6th paragraph in the 2nd line (page 1, line 28 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "these projects" the following: 'and its need for portable classrooms'

Further amend the bill in section 2 in the 7th line (page 2, line 18 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "given concept approval by" and inserting in its place the following: 'placed on the agenda of' and in the 9th line (page 2, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "granted" and inserting in its place the following: 'placed on the agenda of the State Board of Education for consideration of' and in the 12th line (page 2, line 23 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "State Board of Education shall grant" and in the 13th line (page 2, line 24 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "project," and inserting in its place the following: 'project by the State Board of

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1 Education is' and in the 16th line (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by
2 striking out the following: "1998-99" and inserting in its place
the following: '1997-98' and the next to the last line (page 2,
4 line 37 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and
inserting in its place the following: 'may not' and in the last
6 line (page 2, line 38 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
"during fiscal year 1998-99" and inserting in its place the
8 following: 'prior to fiscal year 1997-98'

10 Further amend the bill in section 4 in the 2nd line (page 2,
line 50 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "5" and
12 inserting in its place the following: '10' and in the 4th line
(page 3, line 2 in L.D.) by striking out the following:
14 "\$82,500" and inserting in its place the following: '\$97,000'
and in the 9th line (page 3, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the
16 following: "5" and inserting in its place the following: '10'
and in the 10th line (page 3, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the
18 following: "\$82,500" and inserting in its place the following:
'\$97,000' and in the 13th line (page 3, line 11 in L.D.) by
20 striking out the following: "5" and inserting in its place the
following: '10' and in the 14th line (page 3, line 12 in L.D.)
22 by striking out the following: "\$82,500" and inserting in its
place the following: '\$97,000'

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26 Further amend the bill in section 5 by striking out all of
the first paragraph (page 3, lines 21 to 27 in L.D.) and
inserting in its place the following:

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30 **'Sec. 5. Local referendum vote.** Following concept approval by
the State Board of Education, the school construction project
32 authorized in section 1 of this Act may be submitted to the
voters of the municipalities that comprise SAD 15 as part of the
district's annual budget referendum in accordance with procedures
34 of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1305,
subsection 2 or at a referendum conducted in accordance with
36 Title 20-A, sections 1351 to 1354 and section 15904. If the
Board of School Directors of SAD 15 call for a referendum vote,
38 they shall prepare the required ballots and submit a question to
the voters in substantially the following form:'

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42 Further amend the bill in section 5 in the question in the
next to the last line (page 3, line 37 in L.D.) by striking out
the following: "covert" and inserting in its place the
44 following: 'convert'

46 Further amend the bill in section 5 the 2nd indented
paragraph in the 5th line (page 3, line 44 in L.D.) by striking
48 out the following: "\$82,500" and inserting in its place the
following: '\$97,000' and in the 6th line (page 3, line 45 in
50 L.D.) by striking out the following: "5" and inserting in its
place the following: '10'

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2 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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8 This bill will result in future costs to the debt service
portion of the General Purpose Aid to Local Schools account
within the Department of Education. The additional costs,
10 estimated to be approximately \$200,000 annually, will begin in
fiscal year 2009-10 and end in fiscal year 2018-19.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment clarifies the authority of the State Board of
Education to consider concept approval and fiscal funding
18 approval in the same manner as other school construction projects
and allows the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of
20 Education to approve the issuance of bonds for the project in
fiscal year 1997-98. This amendment also increases the new
22 amount that Maine School Administrative District No. 15 is
required to pay as locally funded debt service without state
24 participation from \$82,500 per year to \$97,000 per year and
increases the duration of those payments from 5 to 10 years. It
26 also raises funds for the conversion of Perry Hayden Hall at
Pineland Center for use as an elementary school. This amendment
28 clarifies the provision related to holding a local referendum
vote. After receiving concept approval by the State Board of
30 Education, this amendment permits the Board of School Directors
of the Maine School Administrative District No. 15 to hold a
32 referendum vote to consider the financing of the Perry Hayden
Hall school construction project. Finally, this amendment adds a
34 fiscal note to the bill.