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H.P. 917

House of Representatives, February 27, 1997

**An Act Allowing Schools to Remain on the School Construction
Account Priority List.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative MURPHY of Kennebunk.
Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock and
Representatives: BAKER of Dixfield, CARLETON of Wells, FARNSWORTH of Portland,
FISK of Falmouth, FOSTER of Gray, MacDOUGALL of North Berwick, USHER of
Westbrook, WRIGHT of Berwick.

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

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

6 **1-A. Temporary local funding.** A school administrative unit
8 that has an application for a school construction project on file
10 with the department may seek or obtain local funding for the
12 project and still maintain active application status. A project
14 that obtains local funding in advance of concept and funding
16 approval in accordance with the rules of the state board must be
18 considered for approval based on the initial application without
20 regard to any local funding or construction that may have
22 occurred prior to the approval for funding by the state board, at
24 such time as the project rating would have allowed the project to
26 be eligible for concept and funding approval.

18 SUMMARY

20 This bill establishes that once a school administrative unit
22 has an application for approval of a construction project on file
24 with the Board of Education, it may still seek or obtain local
26 funding for a project. The bill requires the Board of Education
28 to consider the initial application without regard to local
funding or any construction that may have occurred while the
project was on the list and requires the board to fund the
project when the project rating allows concept and funding
approval, based on the initial application.