

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1101

House of Representatives, March 18, 1997

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### An Act to Amend the Process by Which School Construction Is Approved.

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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 TRUE of Fryeburg.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BIGL of Bucksport, HONEY of Boothbay, JOY of Crystal, KNEELAND of Easton, LEMONT of Kittery, PINKHAM of Brunswick, TOBIN of Dexter, WINGLASS of Auburn.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15908, sub-§§5 and 6** are enacted to read:

6       **5. Uniform school construction plans.** The department shall  
8       develop standardized construction plans to use for schools of  
10       various sizes. The department shall choose plans for  
12       construction of all new schools funded with state money that  
14       consider the target population of the school within 5 years of  
16       the construction plan.

18       **6. Process for establishing plans.** The department shall  
20       establish a process for timely choosing of construction plans for  
22       schools. Any changes to these plans requested by the city, town  
24       or school administrative unit are the responsibility of that  
26       city, town or school administrative unit.

### SUMMARY

20       This bill authorizes the Department of Education to develop  
22       standardized construction plans and to choose school plans for  
24       new school construction that take the school's 5-year target  
26       population into consideration. The bill requires the department  
to develop a process for choosing the plans in a timely manner  
and requires any changes to the plans requested by a local school  
administrative unit to be the responsibility of the local unit.