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S.P. 725

In Senate, January 8, 1998

An Act to Allow for Greater Efficiency in School Construction.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PINGREE of Knox. Cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo.

Be it	enacted	by	the	People	of	the	State	of	Maine	as	follows:
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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1743-D is enacted to read:

§1743-D. Design-build contracts authorized

The school district directors, school committee, building committee or whatever agency has responsibility for the construction, major alteration or repair of school buildings may enter into a design-build contract with a single entity for the construction, major alteration or repair of school buildings. For purposes of this section, a "design-build contract" means a contract with a single entity to provide both design and construction services.

SUMMARY

Under current law, any contract for the construction, major alteration or repair of school buildings involving a total cost in excess of \$100,000 must be awarded by competitive bids. This bill clarifies that school districts may, as an option for such construction, alteration or repair, enter into a design-build contract.