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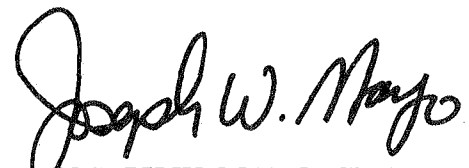
House of Representatives, January 15, 1998

**An Act Relating to the Maine School Administrative District 49 Arts and
Technology Center.**

(EMERGENCY)

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.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLS of Somerset and
Representative BUMPS of China.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 32 authorized
Maine School Administrative District No. 49 to accept up to
\$3,300,000 from the Town of Fairfield's Williamson Fund to build
8 an auditorium and supporting facilities at no cost to the
taxpayers and specifically exempted the project from the
10 requirement of approval by the Commissioner of Education; and

12 **Whereas,** the cost of the project has increased due to
changes in the project; and

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16 **Whereas,** it is necessary to immediately authorize Maine
School Administrative District No. 49 to accept an additional
\$1,400,000 from the Williamson Fund so the project can be
18 completed; and

20 **Whereas,** on November 4, 1997 the legal voters of Maine
School Administrative District No. 49 approved the authorization
22 of the additional \$1,400,000 from the Williamson Fund; and

24 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
26 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
28 safety; now, therefore,

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

32 **Sec. 1. Authority to accept and expend funds.** The school
directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 49 are
34 authorized to accept and expend \$1,400,000 from the Town of
Fairfield's Bert Williamson Fund, in addition to the \$3,300,000
36 from that fund previously authorized by Private and Special Law
1995, chapter 32 and approved by the legal voters of Maine School
38 Administrative District No. 49, and conditional and unconditional
gifts obtained by the district through fund-raising efforts and
40 funds from sources other than taxation approved by the voters
pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, sections 1305
42 and 1309, and interest earnings thereon, in a combined total
amount not to exceed \$5,500,000 for the purpose of constructing
44 and equipping an arts and technology center to be located in the
Town of Fairfield at the site of the Lawrence Junior-Senior High
46 School complex.

48 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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Private and Special Law 1995, chapter 32 authorized Maine School Administrative District No. 49 to accept up to \$3,300,000 from the Town of Fairfield's Williamson Fund to build an auditorium and supporting facilities at no cost to the taxpayers. Since that time, the cost of the project has increased due to changes in the project. This bill authorizes the district to accept an additional \$1,400,000 from the Williamson Fund and gifts obtained through fund raising and other sources in a combined total amount not to exceed \$5,500,000. The voters of Maine School Administrative District No. 49 approved this additional authorization at the election held on November 4, 1997.