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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 298, L.D. 870, Bill, "An Act to Improve School Safety and Learning Environments"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 1 to 4 and inserting in their place the following:

Sec. 1. PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. YY, §6 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. YY-6. Creation of plan. The State Board of Education and the Department of Education shall conduct a study and create a plan to address the needs for improved and new school facilities for those school facility projects beyond Project #22 on the major capital improvement priority list. This plan, to be presented to the 120th Legislature no later than January 15, 2001, must include a review of the rules related to the protected status of projects in the current 2-year rating cycle. The State Board of Education and the Department of Education shall also conduct a review of the debt service limits, as well as a "hold harmless" provision related to actions taken by local school administrative units to remediate existing Priority I health, safety or compliance issues as defined by Department of Education rules.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
School Renovation

HOUSE AMENDMENT

All Other \$1,000,000

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Provides additional one-time funds for school renovations for the purpose of capitalizing a revolving school renovation fund. Any balance remaining at the end of each fiscal year may not lapse but must be carried forward to be used for the same purpose.'

FISCAL NOTE

2000-01

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund \$1,000,000

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This amendment removes the provisions that increase the school construction debt limit as those provisions were already enacted in Public Law 1999, chapter 731, Part YY.

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Amending the study requirement enacted in Public Law 1999, chapter 731 will not create any additional costs to the State Board of Education.

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This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 for the Department of Education to increase the funds appropriated to the School Renovation program.

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SUMMARY

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This amendment directs the State Board of Education and the Department of Education to conduct a study and create a plan to address the needs for improved and new school facilities for those school facility projects beyond Project #22 of the school facility projects on the current major capital improvement priority list. The State Board of Education and the Department of Education plan will be presented to the 120th Legislature no later than January 15, 2001 and must include a review of the rules related to the protected status of projects in the current 2-year rating cycle, a review of the debt service limits and consideration of a "hold harmless" provision related to actions taken by local school administrative units to remediate existing

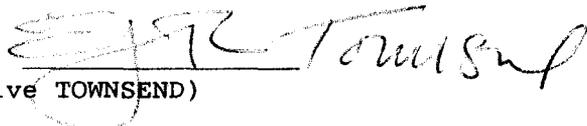
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2 Priority I health or safety issues as defined by Department of
Education rules.

4 The amendment also appropriates an additional \$1,000,000
6 from the General Fund as a one-time appropriation to further
8 capitalize the School Renovation Fund for the purpose of
10 addressing existing health, safety and compliance deficiencies
such as air quality, leaking roofs, asbestos removal, oil tank
and ADA compliance that have been identified in public school
facilities across the State.

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16 SPONSORED BY: 
(Representative TOWNSEND)

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TOWN: Portland

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