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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE AMENDMENT "C" 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 YY, §6 is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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.'

**FISCAL NOTE**

This amendment removes the provisions that increase the school construction debt limit, eliminating the future additional debt service costs to the Department of Education beginning in fiscal year 2003-04.

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

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

This amendment strikes the committee amendment.

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

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