

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 349

In Senate, February 28, 2001

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### **An Act to Accelerate the Construction of New Schools.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TURNER of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative FOSTER of Gray and  
Senator WOODCOCK of Franklin.

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

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3       **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15903, sub-§3, ¶A,** as amended by PL 1985,  
4 c. 785, Pt. A, §93, is further amended to read:

6           A. The Bureau of ~~Public--Improvements~~ General Services,  
7           Department of ~~Administration~~ Administrative and Financial  
8           Services;

10       **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15903, sub-§3-A** is enacted to read:

12       3-A. State agency reviews. The state agencies responsible  
13 for approving plans and specifications under subsection 3 shall  
14 review the required plans and specifications in an application  
15 and shall approve or disapprove the application within 60 days of  
16 receiving the application. Each state agency shall review the  
17 plans and specifications and submit preliminary comments to the  
18 state board within 30 days of receipt of the application. If any  
19 of the state agencies finds cause to disapprove the plans and  
20 specifications, the agency must recommend changes to the plans  
21 and specifications to the state board within 30 days of receipt  
22 of the application. The state board shall send the plans and  
23 specifications back to the school administrative unit for any  
24 necessary corrections and shall establish a maximum time frame  
25 within which the unit must make corrections and resubmit the  
26 corrected plans and specifications to the state board and the  
27 appropriate state agency for final approval or disapproval. If  
28 any of the respective state agencies fails to review and approve  
29 or disapprove the plans and specifications within the time limits  
30 specified in this subsection, the state board may approve the  
31 plans and specifications submitted to it, with the advice and  
32 consent of the commissioner.

34       **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15905, sub-§1, ¶C** is enacted to read:

36       C. Beginning with the second regular session of the  
37 Legislature in fiscal year 2002-03 and every other year  
38 thereafter, the commissioner shall certify the maximum debt  
39 service limits established by the Legislature to the state  
40 board on or before July 1st. The state board shall notify  
41 school administrative units that have applied for school  
42 construction projects within 30 days of the receipt of the  
43 commissioner's certification notice of those maximum debt  
44 service limits. To ensure that state subsidies for school  
45 construction projects are allocated in an expeditious  
46 manner, the state board, the department, school  
47 administrative units and school boards shall make every  
48 reasonable effort to complete the review, local vote,  
49 approval and any other requirements necessary pursuant to  
50 this chapter so that construction may begin

