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H.P. 1157

House of Representatives, March 13, 2001

**An Act to Exempt the City of Waterville, the Town of Winslow and
School Administrative District 47 and School Administrative District 49
from Lease Limitations on Educational Structures.**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative TESSIER of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec and
Representatives: CANAVAN of Waterville, MARRACHE of Waterville, NUTTING of
Oakland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4001, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

6 8. Leases authorized. Notwithstanding the provisions of
8 section 15603, subsection 8, and following a favorable vote of
10 the legislative bodies of the respective school administrative
12 unit pursuant to section 15904, subsection 1, the school
14 committees of the City of Waterville, the Town of Winslow, School
16 Administrative District 47 and School Administrative District 49
18 are authorized to lease for not more than 2 terms of up to 10
20 years each suitable premises and any buildings located on the
22 premises that the school committee may use solely for the purpose
24 of establishing a regional alternative education program. Notwithstanding section 15901, subsection 4, during the term or terms of any leases that may be entered into by the school committee, the leased premises constitute school property for all purposes, including, without limitation, school construction projects, except that any school construction projects on the leased premises are subject to the requirements of chapter 609 and its successor provisions. Any leases that may be entered into by the school committee are wholly eligible as debt service costs for subsidy purposes under section 15603, subsection 8, paragraph B.

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill exempts the City of Waterville, the Town of
30 Winslow and School Administrative District 47 and School
32 Administrative District 49 from the limitations on including the
34 lease of portable, temporary space or the lease or lease-purchase
36 of temporary or permanent nonadministrative instructional space as eligible debt service costs for state subsidy. The exemption is provided solely for the purpose of establishing a regional alternative education program.