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6	EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS		
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12	STATE OF MAINE		
14	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 120TH LEGISLATURE		
16	FIRST REGULAR SESSION		
18	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " \hat{A} " to H.P. 1294, L.D. 1762, Bill, "An		
20	Act to Address Maine's School Facilities Needs"		
22	Amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A in subparagraph (1) in division (d) in the last line (page 2, line 5 in L.D.) by		
24	inserting after the following: ";" the following: 'and'		
26	Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A in subparagraph (1) by striking out all of division (e) (page 2,		
28	lines 7 and 8 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:		
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34	Further amend the bill in section 2 in paragraph A in subparagraph (5) in the 2nd line (page 2, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$80,000,000" and inserting in its		
36	place the following: '\$75,000,000'		
38	Further amend the bill in section 3 in the last line (page 2, line 48 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "." the		
40	following: 'Following the completion of the 2001-2002 rating cycle, the Department of Education and the State Board of		
42	Education shall review the impact of this section, also known as a "hold harmless" provision, and shall report back their		
44	findings, together with recommendations related to the establishment of an ongoing hold harmless provision in the rules		
46	governing school construction projects, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education		
48	and cultural affairs by January 15, 2003. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education		

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and cultural affairs may report out legislation on the subject matter of this report to the First Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.'

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Further amend the bill in section 4 in the 7th line (page 3, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "in excess of \$1,000,000" and inserting in its place the following: 'not greater than \$3,000,000'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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14 FISCAL NOTE

The additional costs associated with revising rules governing school construction projects can be absorbed by the Maine Municipal Bond Bank and the Department of Education utilizing existing budgeted resources.

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The bill raises the debt service limit for school facilities bonds in future fiscal years and thereby, presumably, increases the need for additional General Fund appropriations of an indeterminate amount to satisfy that additional debt.

In addition, the bill increases the current cap from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 in the School Revolving Renovation Fund. The requirement for additional General Fund appropriations would be dependent upon a future decision as to whether or not to absorb any debt limit increases within the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program.'

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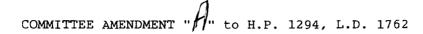
SUMMARY

36 This amendment eliminates the removal of underground oil storage tanks on the grounds of a school building from the list of eligible school repairs and renovations that can receive first 38 priority status from the School Revolving Renovation Fund. amendment also reduces the amount that must be appropriated, 40 allocated or repaid to the School Revolving Renovation Fund 42 before permitting funds to be provided in the future for basic structural repairs, learning space upgrades and other improvements. 44

The amendment further directs the Department of Education and the State Board of Education to evaluate the impact of the amendment to rules governing school construction projects that established a "hold harmless" provision in the 2001-2002 rating

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cycle for certain school construction project applications from the 1999-2000 rating cycle that have made interim health and safety improvements prior to submitting a reapplication for the 2001-2002 rating cycle and to report their findings, together with recommendations regarding the establishment of an ongoing hold harmless provision in the rules governing school construction projects, to the joint standing committee of the legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs by January 15, 2003.

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Finally, the amendment directs the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to amend the rules governing the School Revolving Renovation Fund to increase flexibility and efficiency by providing that the maximum loan amount for a school building may be set at a level not to exceed \$3,000,000 under certain circumstances. It also adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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