

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### An Act To Reduce School Construction Costs

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

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative GLYNN of South Portland.

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

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4           **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15905, sub-§4-A** is enacted to read:

6           **4-A. School size; standard design plans; funding.** The  
8 state board shall adopt rules to define what constitutes a small,  
10 medium or large school. The state board shall adopt rules to  
12 establish standard school construction plans for small, medium  
14 and large elementary schools, middle schools and high schools.  
16 The state board must annually review the standard school  
18 construction plans and update them if necessary. A school  
20 administrative unit that proposes to build a school using the  
22 standard plans must be awarded 100% state funding for the school  
24 construction project. This section does not apply to additions  
26 to existing schools. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection  
28 are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,  
subchapter 2-A.

## SUMMARY

22           This bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt  
24 rules to define what constitutes small, medium and large  
26 schools. The state board is required to develop standard school  
28 construction plans for small, medium and large elementary  
schools, middle schools and high schools. A school  
administrative unit that applies for state support for new school  
construction must select the standard design for the construction  
of the new school in order to have the project fully funded.