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An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding the School Revolving Renovation Fund

(EMERGENCY)

Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered
printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GOLDMAN of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, EDGECOMB of Caribou, FINCH of
Fairfield.

2 **Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** many school administrative units have an immediate
need to submit proposals for approval under the School Revolving
Renovation Fund for reimbursement of costs incurred for first
8 priority status health and safety projects approved by the
Commissioner of Education; and

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12 **Whereas,** it is necessary to revise the provisions of the
statutes to allow such reimbursement for these projects; and

14 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
16 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
18 safety; now, therefore,

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

22 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §6006-F, sub-§3, ¶¶H and I,** as enacted by PL
1997, c. 787, §13, are amended to read:

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26 H. To pay the costs of the bank and the Department of
Education associated with the administration of the fund and
projects financed by the fund, except that no more than the
28 lesser of 2% of the aggregate of the highest fund balances
in any fiscal year and 4% of the combined value of any
30 capitalization grants provided by the United States for
deposit in the fund may be used for these purposes. The
32 Commissioner of Education is authorized to receive revenue
from the fund administered by the bank. Funds provided to
34 the Department of Education from the fund must be deposited
in a nonlapsing dedicated account to be used to carry out
36 the purposes of this section; and

38 I. To pay the reasonable costs of services provided to
school administrative units by the Department of
40 Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General
Services, for oversight of school construction and
42 renovation projects. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 1742,
subsection 7, .4% of the total amount initially allocated to
44 the fund must be transferred to the Bureau of General
Services upon the effective date of this section; and

46 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §6006-F, sub-§3, ¶J** is enacted to read:

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50 J. To reimburse school administrative units for costs
incurred for first priority status health and safety

2 projects described in paragraph A, subparagraph (1) and
3 approved by the Commissioner of Education.

4 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
5 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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 This bill allows reimbursement from the School Revolving
Renovation Fund to school administrative units for costs incurred
for first priority status health and safety projects approved by
the Commissioner of Education.