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An Act Regarding School Construction

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

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President ALFOND of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MacDONALD of Boothbay and Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, FLOOD of Kennebec, GOODALL of Sagadahoc, HASKELL of Cumberland, JACKSON of Aroostook, MILLETT of Cumberland, Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, MAKER of Calais.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15905, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2005, c. 683, Pt. J, §1
 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

4 **4. Rules.** The state board may adopt or amend rules relating to the approval of
5 school construction projects. The rules must allow a school administrative unit to begin
6 the school construction planning process without losing points in the Department of
7 Education's rating system used to develop any priority lists for funding school
8 construction projects. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection relating to the approval
9 of major capital school construction projects under this chapter are major substantive
10 rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

- 11 The state board is encouraged to review school construction rules regarding costs per 12 square foot, consider other measures for containing building costs and report on these 13 efforts to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over 14 education matters during the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature. On or before 15 February 1, 1994 the state board shall adopt rules for approving movable equipment costs 16 for school construction.
- 17 SUMMARY

18 This bill requires the State Board of Education to amend its rules regarding major 19 capital school construction projects to allow a school administrative unit to begin the 20 school construction planning process without being penalized on any of the Department 21 of Education's school construction priority lists.