

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 284

House of Representatives, January 24, 2019

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**An Act To Promote the Forest Products Industry in School  
Construction and Renovation Involving Heating Systems**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.  
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MAREAN of Hollis,  
McCREA of Fort Fairfield, STEARNS of Guilford, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators:  
BLACK of Franklin, DILL of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15908-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§15908-B. Modern wood heating systems**

4 In approving school construction projects, the state board shall ensure that school  
5 administrative units have considered and demonstrated a preference for modern wood  
6 heating systems, with wood biomass fuels sourced locally and in a manner that benefits  
7 the State's economy, in all planning and design for new or substantially renovated schools  
8 or school buildings subject to state board approval.

9 As used in this section, "substantially renovated" has the same meaning as in section  
10 15908-A, subsection 1.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires consideration of modern wood heating systems, with wood biomass  
13 fuels sourced locally and in a manner that benefits the State's economy, in the  
14 construction of new or substantially renovated schools or school buildings subject to State  
15 Board of Education approval.