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House of Representatives, February 10, 2021

**An Act To Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for
Constructing or Renovating Municipal Offices and Other Buildings**

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 8, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Taxation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CARLOW of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Senator BAILEY of York and
Representative: BAILEY of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 604, §3 and
3 c. 625, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4 C. Costs related to economic development, environmental improvements, fisheries and
5 wildlife or marine resources projects, recreational trails, broadband service
6 development, expansion or improvement, including connecting to broadband service
7 outside the tax increment financing district, employment training or the promotion of
8 workforce development and retention within the municipality or plantation, including,
9 but not limited to:

10 (1) Costs of funding economic development programs or events developed by the
11 municipality or plantation or funding the marketing of the municipality or
12 plantation as a business or arts location;

13 (2) Costs of funding environmental improvement projects developed by the
14 municipality or plantation for commercial or arts district use or related to such
15 activities;

16 (3) Funding to establish permanent economic development revolving loan funds,
17 investment funds and grants;

18 (4) Costs of services and equipment to provide skills development and training,
19 including scholarships to in-state educational institutions or to online learning
20 entities when in-state options are not available, for jobs created or retained in the
21 municipality or plantation. These costs must be designated as training funds in the
22 development program;

23 (5) Costs associated with quality child care facilities and adult care facilities,
24 including finance costs and construction, staffing, training, certification and
25 accreditation costs related to child care and adult care;

26 (6) Costs associated with new or existing recreational trails determined by the
27 department to have significant potential to promote economic development,
28 including, but not limited to, costs for multiple projects and project phases that may
29 include planning, design, construction, maintenance, grooming and improvements
30 with respect to new or existing recreational trails, which may include bridges that
31 are part of the trail corridor, used all or in part for all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles,
32 hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing or other related multiple uses;

33 (7) Costs associated with a new or expanded transit service, limited to:

34 (a) Transit service capital costs, including but not limited to: transit vehicles
35 such as buses, ferries, vans, rail conveyances and related equipment; bus
36 shelters and other transit-related structures; and benches, signs and other
37 transit-related infrastructure; and

38 (b) In the case of transit-oriented development districts, ongoing costs of
39 adding to an existing transit system or creating a new transit service and limited
40 strictly to transit operator salaries, transit vehicle fuel and transit vehicle parts
41 replacements;

