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H.P. 178

House of Representatives, January 26, 2023

**An Act to Make Maine Schools Safer and Healthier by Increasing
the Maximum Debt Service Limit**

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 MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, KUHN of Falmouth, LaROCHELLE of Augusta,
Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15905, sub-§1, ¶A**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 616, Pt. C,
3 §9, is further amended to read:

4 A. The state board may approve projects as long as no project approval will cause debt
5 service costs, as defined in section 15672, subsection 2-A, paragraph A and pursuant
6 to Resolve 2007, chapter 223, section 4, to exceed the maximum limits specified in
7 Table 1 and Table 2 in subsequent fiscal years.

8 **Table 1**
9 **Major Capital** **Integrated, Consolidated**
10 **Secondary and Postsecondary**
11 **Project**

12 Fiscal year	13 Maximum Debt Service Limit	14 Maximum Debt Service Limit
15 1990	\$ 48,000,000	
16 1991	\$ 57,000,000	
17 1992	\$ 65,000,000	
18 1993	\$ 67,000,000	
19 1994	\$ 67,000,000	
20 1995	\$ 67,000,000	
21 1996	\$ 67,000,000	
22 1997	\$ 67,000,000	
23 1998	\$ 67,000,000	
24 1999	\$ 69,000,000	
25 2000	\$ 72,000,000	
26 2001	\$ 74,000,000	
27 2002	\$ 74,000,000	
28 2003	\$ 80,000,000	
29 2004	\$ 80,000,000	
30 2005	\$ 84,000,000	
31 2006	\$ 90,000,000	
32 2007	\$ 96,000,000	
33 2008	\$100,000,000	
34 2009	\$104,000,000	
35 2010	\$108,000,000	
36 2011	\$126,000,000	
37 2012	\$116,000,000	
38 2013	\$116,000,000	
39 2014	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
40 2015	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
41 2016	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
42 2017	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
43 2018	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
44 2019	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
45 2020	\$126,000,000	\$20,000,000
46 2021	\$126,000,000	\$20,000,000
	2022	\$20,000,000
	2023	\$20,000,000

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Table 2

Fiscal year	Maximum Debt Service Limit
2024	\$150,000,000 <u>\$250,000,000</u>
2025	\$150,000,000 <u>\$250,000,000</u>
2026	\$150,000,000 <u>\$250,000,000</u>
2027	\$150,000,000 <u>\$250,000,000</u>

SUMMARY

This bill changes the maximum debt service limit for school capital improvements for fiscal year 2024 to fiscal year 2027 from \$150,000,000 to \$250,000,000.