

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 9, 2023

### **An Act to Require Transparency Regarding School Construction Spending**

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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 ADAMS of Lebanon.  
Cosponsored by Representative: LAVIGNE of Berwick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15909, sub-§5**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 167, Pt. B, §6, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 **5. Records.** All records for a school construction project must be kept for 7 years after  
5 the final compliance review. Each year, by January 15th, the school administrative unit  
6 shall produce and make available to the public an accounting of the use of proceeds of any  
7 school construction bonds issued under this section.

8 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15909, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

9 **7. Return of unused funds.** A school administrative unit shall account for and return  
10 to each municipality responsible for the debt, pro rata to each municipality's responsibility,  
11 the amount of any bond proceeds not used to complete the school construction project.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires a school administrative unit to produce and make available to the  
14 public an annual accounting of the use of school construction bond proceeds. It also  
15 requires a school administrative unit to account for and return to each municipality  
16 responsible for the debt the amount of any bond proceeds not used to complete the school  
17 construction project.