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131ST LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to HP 911, L D 1415, "An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding"

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Amend the bill in section 2 in the 4th line (page 2, line 11 in L D) by striking out the following "one high school or a regional high school" and inserting the following 'one school administrative unit with multiple high schools'

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Amend the bill in section 3 in the first line (page 2, line 15 in L D) by striking out the following "Calendar year 2024" and inserting the following. 'Fiscal year 2024-25'

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Amend the bill in section 3 in the first line (page 2, line 15 in L D) by striking out the following "calendar year 2024" and inserting the following 'fiscal year 2024-25'

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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following.

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Sec. 4. Stakeholder group. The Commissioner of Education shall convene a group of qualified stakeholders for the purpose of making recommendations on researching and identifying alternative pathways or revenue sources to finance school construction needs in the State. The stakeholder group must include, but may not be limited to, the Treasurer of State or the treasurer's designee, a representative from the State Board of Education, a representative from the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, a representative from a statewide community action agency, a representative from an association representing educators in the State and a representative from an association representing school boards and superintendents in the State. The commissioner shall report the recommendations of the stakeholder group, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 6, 2023. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature

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Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 Initiative Provides one-time funds to contract for a facilitator to support the work of the
2 stakeholder group established to make recommendations on alternative pathways or
3 revenue sources to finance school construction needs in the State

4	GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
5	All Other	\$5,000	\$0
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7	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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9 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
10 number to read consecutively

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This amendment makes the following changes to the bill

13 1 It allows for one school administrative unit with multiple high schools, instead of
14 one high school or a regional high school, to apply for funding for an integrated,
15 consolidated grade 9-16 educational facility under State Board of Education rules

16 2 It changes the school construction funding application cycle to fiscal year 2024-25.

17 3 It changes the purpose of the stakeholder group formed by the Commissioner of
18 Education and requires the group to include at least certain members

19 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section

20 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

21 (See attached)



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1415

LR 718(02)

An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

A (H-476)

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 to the Leadership program within the Department of Education for the costs to contract with a facilitator to support the work of the stakeholder group established to make recommendations on alternative pathways or revenue sources to finance school construction needs in the State

Additional costs to the State Board of Education associated with the rulemaking process can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources