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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
131ST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

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

Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 and inserting the following

Sec. 4. Study. The Commissioner of Education shall conduct a study for the purpose of making recommendations on researching and identifying alternative pathways or revenue sources to finance school construction needs in the State. The commissioner shall report the recommendations of the study, 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.

Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the requirement in Committee Amendment "A" that the Commissioner of Education convene a stakeholder group for the purpose of making recommendations on researching and identifying alternative pathways or revenue sources to finance school construction needs with a requirement that the commissioner conduct a study for that purpose. The amendment also removes the appropriations and allocations section

SPONSORED BY: Rotundo M

(Senator ROTUNDO, M.)

COUNTY. Androscoggin

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

SENATE AMENDMENT



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1415

LR 718(04)

An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Rotundo of Androscoggin

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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 amendment eliminates the requirement that the Commissioner of Education convene a stakeholder group to make recommendations on researching and identifying alternative pathways or revenue sources to finance school construction needs in the State and, instead, requires the commissioner to conduct a study. The amendment also eliminates the one-time General Fund appropriation of \$5,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 to the Leadership program within the department for the costs to contract with a facilitator to support the work of the stakeholder group. Additional costs to the department to conduct the study can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.