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S.P. 921

In Senate, January 18, 2024

**An Act to Prioritize School Construction Projects for Schools
Affected by Disasters**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Cumberland,
PIERCE of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, Representatives: CLUCHEY of Bowdoinham,
HEPLER of Woolwich, JAUCH of Topsham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15901, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

3 **1-B. Emergency school construction project.** "Emergency school construction
4 project" means a school construction project requiring the replacement of all or a significant
5 portion of a school facility that is declared uninhabitable by an authorized individual or an
6 authorized local, state or federal agency as a result of an unanticipated and sudden natural
7 or human-made disaster.

8 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15905, sub-§8** is enacted to read:

9 **8. Emergency school construction project.** The state board shall approve an
10 emergency school construction project before a school construction project that is not an
11 emergency school construction project.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires the State Board of Education to approve an emergency school
14 construction project before a school construction project that is not an emergency school
15 construction project. The bill defines "emergency school construction project" as a school
16 construction project requiring the replacement of all or a significant portion of a school
17 facility that is declared uninhabitable by an authorized individual or an authorized local,
18 state or federal agency as a result of an unanticipated and sudden natural or human-made
19 disaster.