

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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PORTLAND, MAINE  
1977

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS  
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shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses in attending meetings, procuring supplies, correspondence and other related and necessary expenditures.

**Sec. 6. Funds.** The commissioner is authorized to apply for, receive and use funding from any source, including the Federal Government and private foundations, to further the study authorized by this Act.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 58

### AN ACT Authorizing the Approval of New School Construction in the Town of Stockholm.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, the only school in the Town of Stockholm was totally destroyed by fire on May 21, 1977; and

Whereas, there is a need to replace the school immediately; and

Whereas, there is a statutory moratorium on new school construction until July 1, 1977; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. New school construction approval authorized.** Notwithstanding any other statute to the contrary, the State Board of Education is authorized to approve the construction of a new elementary school to be located in the Town of Stockholm.

**Sec. 2. Method of financing.** The project shall be financed in accordance with the following: An amount equal to 10% of the estimated state aid shall be paid immediately upon the submission of evidence that a contract for the construction of the project has been executed. The eligible unit shall submit to the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services a schedule showing estimates of monthly cash disbursements to be made by the unit for project expenditures. Based upon the estimate of cash requirements, the commissioner, on or about the first of each month, shall pay an amount equal to the state's participation in the estimated project expenditures for that month, which monthly payments shall be continued until the total of all assistance paid equals 95% of the estimated state aid on the project.

Upon completion of the project and the submission to the commissioner of a full report of the major capital outlay expenditures on the project, together with proof that the project was completed in accordance with plans approved by the commissioner and the Bureau of Public Improvements, and upon issuance by the Bureau of Public Improvements of its certificate of acceptance of the completed project, the eligible unit shall be paid the difference between the total amount of aid finally determined to be due under the project and the accumulated amount of all prior payments.

**Sec. 3. Expenditure of funds.** These expenditures shall be made from any available balances in the nonlapsing major capital construction fund and the education subsidy account for fiscal year 1976-77 in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 for this project.

**Sec. 4. Other statutes applicable.** The project shall meet all statutory requirements. The rules and regulations of the State Board of Education shall also be adhered to unless specifically waived by the board because of the nature of the emergency.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective June 21, 1977

## CHAPTER 59

### AN ACT to Approve the Expenditure of Funds from the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Program Improvement Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1978.

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

**Expenditures.** The following expenditures from the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Program Improvement Fund are authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1978.

Expenditures	Mental Health	Mental Retardation
MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS,		
Department of		
Community Mental Health Services	\$ 346,000	
Children's Mental Health Services	1,033,000	
Mental Health Services to Corrections	192,200	
Mental Health Services to the Elderly	3,000	
Institutional Services	57,500	
Administrative and Supportive	52,300	
Community Mental Retardation Services		\$ 87,605
		947,872