

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE**

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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4**

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**J.S. McCarthy Company**  
**Augusta, Maine**  
**1995**

1995-96

**EDUCATION,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

Local access costs and one-time capital costs for classroom technology infrastructure and equipment \$15,000,000

**Sec. 7. Contingent upon ratification of bond issue.** Sections 1 to 6 do not become effective unless the people of the State have ratified the issuance of bonds as set forth in this Act.

**Sec. 8. Appropriation balances at year end.** At the end of each fiscal year, all unencumbered appropriation balances representing state money carry forward. Bond proceeds that have not been expended within 10 years after the date of the sale of the bonds lapse to General Fund debt service.

**Sec. 9. Bonds authorized but not issued.** Any bonds authorized but not issued, or for which bond anticipation notes are not issued within 5 years of ratification of this Act, are deauthorized and may not be issued; except that the Legislature may, within 2 years after the expiration of that 5-year period, extend the period for issuing any remaining unissued bonds or bond anticipation notes for an additional amount of time not to exceed 5 years.

**Sec. 10. Referendum for ratification; submission at statewide election; form of question; effective date.** This Act must be submitted to the legal voters of the State of Maine at a statewide election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following passage of this Act. The municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, to vote on the acceptance or rejection of this Act by voting on the following question:

"Do you favor a \$15,000,000 bond issue to fund local telecommunications infrastructure and classroom technology equipment to enhance interactive telecommunications capabilities and student learning opportunities in the State's schools?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within a corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The

Governor shall review the returns and, if a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the Act, the Governor shall proclaim the result without delay, and the Act becomes effective 30 days after the date of the proclamation.

The Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this Act necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.

Effective pending referendum.

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**CHAPTER 49**

**S.P. 483 - L.D. 1317**

**An Act to Improve Public Access to the Maine State Museum**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1995-96

**MAINE STATE MUSEUM**

**Administration - Museum**

Capital Expenditures \$3,000

Provides funds for purchase of an electric mobility device.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 50**

**H.P. 1120 - L.D. 1564**

**An Act to Provide Funds for the Building Alternatives Program**

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

**Whereas,** one of the goals of punishment is to deter recidivism; and

**Whereas,** another goal is to give the criminal offender the skills and means to avoid resorting to crime; and

**Whereas,** these goals are of highest importance for juvenile offenders; and

**Whereas**, the Building Alternatives program offers juvenile offenders vocational training and teaches basic values such as honesty, tolerance, work ethic and community service; and

**Whereas**, current funding will support this program only until September 1, 1995; and

**Whereas**, it is necessary that this program be continued and given the funding it needs; 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. Funding for the Building Alternatives program.** The Department of Education is directed to provide funding for the Building Alternatives program, which serves youths at the Maine Youth Center in the amount of \$200,000 in each of fiscal years 1995-96 and 1996-97 from federal grants for school-to-work transition programs.

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

Effective July 3, 1995.

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