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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2023

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15905, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 616, Pt. C, §9, is further amended to read:

A. The state board may approve projects as long as no project approval will cause debt service costs, as defined in section 15672, subsection 2-A, paragraph A and pursuant to rules adopted in accordance with Resolve 2007, chapter 223, section 4, to exceed the maximum limits specified in Table 1 and Table 2 in subsequent fiscal years.

Fiscal year	Table 1	
	Major Capital Maximum Debt Service Limit	Integrated, Consolidated Secondary and Postsecondary Project Maximum Debt Service Limit
1990	\$ 48,000,000	
1991	\$ 57,000,000	
1992	\$ 65,000,000	
1993	\$ 67,000,000	
1994	\$ 67,000,000	
1995	\$ 67,000,000	
1996	\$ 67,000,000	
1997	\$ 67,000,000	
1998	\$ 67,000,000	
1999	\$ 69,000,000	
2000	\$ 72,000,000	
2001	\$ 74,000,000	
2002	\$ 74,000,000	
2003	\$ 80,000,000	
2004	\$ 80,000,000	
2005	\$ 84,000,000	
2006	\$ 90,000,000	
2007	\$ 96,000,000	
2008	\$100,000,000	
2009	\$104,000,000	
2010	\$108,000,000	
2011	\$126,000,000	
2012	\$116,000,000	
2013	\$116,000,000	
2014	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
2015	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
2016	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
2017	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
2018	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
2019	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
2020	\$126,000,000	\$20,000,000
2021	\$126,000,000	\$20,000,000
2022	\$126,000,000	\$20,000,000
2023	\$126,000,000	\$20,000,000

Fiscal year	Table 2	
	Maximum Debt Service Limit	
2024	\$150,000,000	
2025	\$150,000,000	
2026	\$150,000,000	
2027	\$150,000,000	

Sec. 2. School construction projects. The State Board of Education shall amend its rule Chapter 61: Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, Section 15 regarding administering funding

for integrated, consolidated 9-16 educational facilities to allow the governing body of one school administrative unit with multiple high schools together with a career and technical high school to apply for funding for a proposed school. Rules adopted to comply with this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Fiscal year 2024-25 funding. In fiscal year 2024-25, a school administrative unit is eligible to apply for funding for both a major capital school construction project under State Board of Education rule Chapter 61: Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects and an integrated, consolidated 9-16 educational facility under Section 15 of that rule.

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.

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CHAPTER 463

H.P. 935 - L.D. 1439

An Act to Promote Family-centered Interventions for Substance Use Disorder Treatment

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1729 is enacted to read:

§1729. Substance use disorder treatment information

Beginning July 1, 2024, a hospital licensed under chapter 405 shall post in a publicly accessible area of its emergency department information provided by the department that describes how individuals with substance use disorder can access evidence-based treatment services.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF
Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Z199**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for grants to support substance use disorder treatments that include family members of the person with substance use disorder, including community reinforcement and family training interventions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$30,000

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CHAPTER 464
S.P. 576 - L.D. 1458

**An Act to Increase Funding for
the Maine School of Science
and Mathematics**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8202, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 486, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Tuition; room and board; funding. Students from this State may attend the school free of tuition charges and free of the cost of room and board. Additional funding for students from this State may be provided within amounts appropriated for that purpose as follows.

A. The amount must be paid in 4 equal quarterly payments during the year of attendance. The first payment must be made by July 31st. The amount of tuition and other costs paid for all students is limited to the amount appropriated for this purpose. To be eligible for state funding under this paragraph, a student must have resided in Maine with a parent, other relative or guardian for at least 6 months immediately preceding application to the school.

B. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, effective July 1, 1996 and to the extent funds are not appropriated for this purpose, the student or the student's parent or guardian shall pay to the school the cost of room and board for the school year. In the case of financial need, the State shall pay to the school the difference between the cost of room and board and the student's or the student's family's ability to pay that cost. The board of trustees shall adopt rules governing the determination of financial need and the cost and schedule of payment of room and board under this paragraph. The determination of financial need must be based on a nationally recognized public or private school financial needs assessment system. A student may use scholarship funds in place of payment for all or part of the cost of room and board and any other fees or

expenses incurred as a result of that student's enrollment at the school.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8205, sub-§16-B is enacted to read:

16-B. Sustainability report. To submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters a sustainability report by February 1st of each year beginning February 1, 2024 and annually thereafter. The report must include a plan for and updates on student recruitment efforts, the rate of student attrition, graduation rate, a budget for and explanation of mental health services available to students and a discussion of the school's Limestone location;

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 465
S.P. 579 - L.D. 1461

**An Act to Prevent Dating
Partner Abuse by Including
Dating Partners in the Scope of
Domestic Violence Crimes**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §15, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §§15 and 16 and affected by §65, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5-A) to read:

(5-A) Assault, criminal threatening, terrorizing, stalking, criminal mischief, obstructing the report of a crime or injury or reckless conduct if the officer reasonably believes that the person and the victim are family or household members, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or dating partners as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4;

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §207-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §17 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

A. The person violates section 207 and the victim is a family or household member as defined in Title