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House of Representatives, February 14, 2013

### **An Act To Dedicate Funds for Emergency Back-up Power for Schools**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GILLWAY of Searsport.  
Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and  
Representatives: BROOKS of Winterport, HERBIG of Belfast, JOHNSON of Greenville,  
PEASE of Morrill, WOOD of Sabattus.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15910, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3 **5. Funding for emergency back-up electrical power.** A school administrative unit  
4 that participates in the Percent for Art Program under Title 27, section 453 shall expend a  
5 minimum amount of 1/2 of 1% of the cost of the eligible school construction project or  
6 any building or facility that is part of an eligible project or \$25,000, whichever is less, for  
7 the construction of facilities to provide emergency back-up electrical power to the school,  
8 building or facility being constructed in the event of an electrical power outage.

9 **Sec. 2. 27 MRSA §453, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 706, §8, is further  
10 amended to read:

11 **1. Amount; gifts and donations.** A contracting agency, except a school  
12 administrative unit, shall expend out of money appropriated or allocated by the  
13 Legislature for the construction of a public building or facility, except for a correctional  
14 facility, a minimum amount of 1% of the construction portion of the appropriation or  
15 allocation, for the purpose of acquiring, transporting and installing works of art. School  
16 units that have decided to participate in the Percent for Art Program shall expend, in  
17 addition to the provisions of Title 20-A, section 15910, subsection 5, a minimum amount  
18 of 1/2 of 1% of the cost of the eligible school construction project or of any building or  
19 facility that is part of an eligible project or ~~\$50,000~~ \$25,000, whichever is less.

20 Donations and gifts to the contracting agency may be used to offset the minimum amount  
21 identified in this subsection. The value of works of art received as a donation or a gift  
22 must be determined by the commission.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill provides that if a school administrative unit participates in the Percent for  
25 Art Program it must use at least 1/2 of the amount identified for this purpose to provide  
26 back-up electrical power to the school, building or facility being constructed.