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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 429, L.D. 1235, Bill, “An Act Regarding School Construction”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15905, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2005, c. 683, Pt. J, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

4. Rules. The state board ~~may shall~~ adopt or amend rules relating to the approval of school construction projects. The rules must allow the top 20 school administrative units in the department's rating system used to develop any priority lists for funding school construction projects to begin the school construction planning process without being penalized under the rating system. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection relating to the approval of major capital school construction projects under this chapter are major substantive rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

~~The state board is encouraged to review school construction rules regarding costs per square foot, consider other measures for containing building costs and report on these efforts to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters during the First Regular Session of the 115th Legislature. On or before February 1, 1994 the state board shall adopt rules for approving movable equipment costs for school construction.'~~

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment requires the State Board of Education to adopt or amend the rules regarding major capital school construction projects to allow the top 20 school administrative units in the Department of Education's rating system used to develop any priority lists for funding school construction projects to

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1 begin the school construction planning process without being penalized under the rating
2 system. The bill requires this without any limit. The amendment also strikes outdated
3 provisions from the rule-making statute.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)