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In Senate, February 8, 2011

**An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Competitive Bidding for
School Construction and Repair**

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

Joseph G. Carleton Jr.

JOSEPH G. CARLETON, JR.
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative DAMON of Bangor and
Representatives: LOVEJOY of Portland, MALABY of Hancock, WEAVER of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1743-A**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. A, §17, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **§1743-A. Competitive bids; advertisement**

5 Any contract for the construction, major alteration or repair of school buildings
6 involving a total cost in excess of ~~\$100,000~~ \$250,000, except contracts for professional,
7 architectural and engineering services, ~~shall~~ must be awarded by competitive bids. The
8 school district directors, school committee, building committee or whatever agency has
9 responsibility for the construction, major alteration or repair shall, after consultation with
10 the Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements, seek sealed proposals. Sealed
11 proposals ~~shall~~ must be addressed to the responsible agency and ~~shall~~ must remain sealed
12 until publicly opened in the presence of the responsible agency or a committee thereof at
13 such time as the responsible agency may direct. Competitive bids may be waived in
14 individual cases involving unusual circumstances with the written approval of the
15 Director of the Bureau of Public Improvements and the Commissioner of Education.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 The bill changes the minimum amount of the cost of school construction, major
18 alteration or repair requiring a competitive bid from over \$100,000 to over \$250,000.