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House of Representatives, January 24, 2019

An Act To Promote the Forest Products Industry in School Construction and Renovation Involving Heating Systems

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STEWART of Presque Isle.
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: ACKLEY of Monmouth, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MAREAN of Hollis,
McCREA of Fort Fairfield, STEARNS of Guilford, WADSWORTH of Hiram, Senators:
BLACK of Franklin, DILL of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15908-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§15908-B. Modern wood heating systems**

4 In approving school construction projects, the state board shall ensure that school
5 administrative units have considered and demonstrated a preference for modern wood
6 heating systems, with wood biomass fuels sourced locally and in a manner that benefits
7 the State's economy, in all planning and design for new or substantially renovated schools
8 or school buildings subject to state board approval.

9 As used in this section, "substantially renovated" has the same meaning as in section
10 15908-A, subsection 1.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires consideration of modern wood heating systems, with wood biomass
13 fuels sourced locally and in a manner that benefits the State's economy, in the
14 construction of new or substantially renovated schools or school buildings subject to State
15 Board of Education approval.