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An Act To Encourage School Administrative Units To Increase Their Energy Savings

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DORNEY of Norridgewock.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, DEVIN of Newcastle, DUNPHY of Embden, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, MALABY of Hancock, McGOWAN of York, NOON of Sanford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10123** is enacted to read:

3 **§10123. School energy savings program**

4 To the extent funds are available, the trust shall develop a program to provide energy
5 savings improvements to kindergarten to grade 12 schools, including charter schools.
6 Under this program, the trust may:

7 **1. Energy audits.** Provide incentives and technical support for an energy audit of a
8 school facility;

9 **2. Energy measures.** Provide financial assistance for energy measures identified in
10 an energy audit as likely to achieve total savings within 10 years that are greater than the
11 total costs of the measures;

12 **3. School payments.** Accept payments equal to or less than the value on monthly
13 energy bills of the energy savings as a result of the energy measures. These payments
14 may include costs to develop and oversee the project, administer the program and service
15 loans; and

16 **4. Rulemaking.** Adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to
17 this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
18 2-A.

19 **Sec. 2. Funding sources.** The Efficiency Maine Trust may seek funding for the
20 program established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, subsection 10123
21 from multiple sources, including but not limited to using a revolving loan fund from a
22 grant related to better buildings received through the American Recovery and
23 Reinvestment Act of 2009 and partnering with the United States Department of
24 Agriculture to use funds reserved for school districts with a population of less than 2,000
25 people.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill authorizes the Efficiency Maine Trust to develop an energy program
28 targeted to kindergarten to grade 12 schools, including charter schools.