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House of Representatives, January 13, 2005

An Act To Delay Certain Educational Assessment Requirements

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MAKAS of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator ROTUNDO of Androscoggin and
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BOWEN of Rockport, CRAVEN of Lewiston, FINCH
of Fairfield, GOLDMAN of Cape Elizabeth, LANSLEY of Sabattus, NORTON of Bangor,
Senator: MAYO of Sagadahoc.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6202-A. sub-§§3 and 4,** as amended by PL
4 2003, c. 712, §2, are further amended to read:

6 **3. Public high school graduation decisions.** By the
7 2007-2008 ~~2009-2010~~ school year, public high school graduation
8 must be determined by student achievement of the standards of the
9 system of learning results in English language arts, health and
10 physical education, mathematics, science and technology and
11 social studies, based on the school administrative unit's local
12 assessment system established pursuant to this section in
13 addition to other requirements as established by school board
14 policy. By the ~~2009-2010~~ 2011-2012 school year, public high
15 school graduation must be determined by student achievement of
16 the standards of the system of learning results in all content
17 areas of the system of learning results, based on the school
18 administrative unit's assessment system established pursuant to
19 subsection 1 in addition to other requirements as established by
20 policy of the school board.

22 **4. Graduation decisions at certain private high schools.**
23 By the 2007-2008 ~~2009-2010~~ school year, high school graduation
24 for publicly funded students in private schools approved for
25 tuition that enroll at least 60% publicly funded students, as
26 determined by the previous school year's October and April
27 average enrollment, must be determined by student achievement of
28 the standards of the system of learning results in English
29 language arts, health and physical education, mathematics,
30 science and technology, and social studies, in addition to other
31 requirements that may be established by the trustees. By the
32 ~~2009-2010~~ 2011-2012 school year, high school graduation for
33 publicly funded students in private schools must be determined by
34 student achievement of the standards of the system of learning
35 results in all content areas of the system of learning results,
36 in addition to other requirements as established by the trustees.

38 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6209. sub-§3,** as amended by PL 2003, c.
39 712, §3, is further amended to read:

40 **3. Career preparation; foreign languages; visual and**
41 **performing arts.** By the end of the 2002-2003 school year, each
42 school administrative unit shall address in the comprehensive
43 education plan, as required in section 4502, subsection 1, how
44 the school administrative unit will implement for all students
45 the content areas of career preparation, foreign languages and
46 visual and performing arts, including interim targets for partial
47 implementation. By the end of the 2007-2008 ~~2009-2010~~
48 school year, each local school administrative unit shall implement
49 standards in these additional content areas of the system of
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2 learning results, contingent upon funding based on essential
3 programs and services or its equivalent. Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of this chapter, the commissioner is authorized
5 to establish rules for inclusion of some portion of the standards
6 in visual and performing arts for the graduating class of
7 ~~2007-2008~~ 2009-2010.

8 **Sec. 3. Report.** The Department of Education shall report and
9 make recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd
10 Legislature by January 2006 on the impact of the local assessment
11 system in regard to capacity, cost and needed resources.
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14 SUMMARY

16 This bill delays until the end of the 2009-2010 school year
17 the implementation of graduation decisions at public high schools
18 and certain private high schools being made on the basis of
19 student achievement of the standards of the system of learning
20 results. The bill also requires the Department of Education to
21 submit a report to the Second Regular Session of the 122nd
22 Legislature by January 2006 on the impact of the local assessment
system in regard to capacity, cost and needed resources.