

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **An Act To Allow Municipalities To Offer Subsidies to Parents To Send Their Children to Other Schools**

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

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DAIGLE of Arundel.  
Cosponsored by Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and  
Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, MOODY of Manchester, TARDY of Newport,  
Senators: COWGER of Kennebec, HOBBS of York.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5815** is enacted to read:

6 **§5815. Subsidy to parents**

8 A municipality may offer a subsidy to a parent of an  
10 elementary or secondary student to send the student to a school  
12 other than the public school that the student would attend under  
14 section 5202. In order to receive the subsidy under this  
16 section, the parent must enter a contract with the municipality  
18 that the parent will send the student to a school that is  
accredited by the State under chapter 206, subchapter 2 or by  
another state under that state's accreditation standards and  
meets the provisions of the system of learning results under  
section 6209. A parent of an elementary or secondary student may  
not receive a subsidy under this section for the student to  
attend a home instruction program.

20 **SUMMARY**

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24 This bill allows municipalities to offer a subsidy to a  
26 parent of an elementary or secondary student to send the student  
28 to a school other than the public school in the school  
30 administrative unit in which the parent or student resides. In  
order to receive the subsidy, the parent must enter a contract  
with the municipality that the parent will send the student to an  
accredited school that meets the provisions of the system of  
learning results. This bill does not allow a subsidy for a  
parent to homeschool the student.