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H.P. 381

House of Representatives, February 26, 2015

An Act To Provide Reasonable Accommodations for School Attendance for Children with Disabilities for Whom Medical Marijuana Has Been Recommended

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea.
Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford and Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DION of Portland, DUNPHY of Embden, GATTINE of Westbrook, HARLOW of Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, MALABY of Hancock, STETKIS of Canaan.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§9-E** is enacted to read:

3 **9-E. Possession of medical marijuana by parent or guardian.** A school board
4 may not prohibit the possession on school grounds of medical marijuana in a
5 nonsmokeable form by the parent or guardian of a child with a disability for whom
6 medical marijuana has been recommended by the child's health care provider as a
7 reasonable accommodation necessary for that child to attend events held on school
8 grounds.

9 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §7201, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

10 **7. Eligibility to attend school.** Eligibility for a child with a disability to attend
11 school may not be denied solely because the child requires medical marijuana in a
12 nonsmokeable form, recommended by the child's health care provider, as a reasonable
13 accommodation necessary for the child to attend school.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill:

16 1. Provides that a school board may not prohibit the possession on school grounds of
17 medical marijuana in a nonsmokeable form by the parent or guardian of a child with a
18 disability for whom medical marijuana has been recommended by the child's health care
19 provider as a reasonable accommodation necessary for that child to attend events held on
20 school grounds; and

21 2. Provides that a child with a disability may not be denied eligibility to attend
22 school solely because the child requires medical marijuana in a nonsmokeable form as a
23 reasonable accommodation necessary for the child to attend school.