

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 11, 2019

An Act To Encourage Public Participation in School Board Meetings

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 CUDDY of Winterport.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A M.R.S.A. §1001, sub-§20** is enacted to read:

3 **20. School board meeting public comment period.** A school board shall provide
4 the opportunity for the public to comment on school and education matters at the
5 beginning of each school board meeting. Nothing in this subsection restricts the school
6 board from establishing reasonable standards for the public comment period, including
7 time limits and conduct standards.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill requires school boards to hold public comment periods at the beginning of
10 each school board meeting.