

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 975

House of Representatives, March 21, 2019

### **An Act To Promote High-quality After-school Programs in Public Schools**

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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 BEEBE-CENTER of Rockland.  
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and  
Representatives: DOUDERA of Camden, PIERCE of Falmouth, WARREN of Hallowell,  
Senator: CARPENTER of Aroostook.

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

2 **CONCEPT DRAFT**

3 **SUMMARY**

4 This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

5 This bill proposes to amend the provisions in law regarding high-quality after-school  
6 programs under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 318. Currently, funds to  
7 provide high-quality after-school programs are provided by the After-school Program  
8 Fund, which receives a substantial amount of funding from the Federal Government that  
9 may be terminated or no longer available in the coming years. This bill proposes to seek  
10 new funding for the After-school Program Fund and to increase the quality of the after-  
11 school programs, including requiring matching funds from the schools that receive the  
12 funds and to make grants from the fund competitive. An after-school program that is a  
13 recipient of funding from the fund must have as measurable outcomes for the students  
14 academic improvement, social emotional learning and family engagement. Criteria for  
15 competitive grants would seek to improve or raise the quality of after-school programs by  
16 giving preference to schools that would collaborate with and leverage existing  
17 community resources that have demonstrated effectiveness, engage in outreach to  
18 children and youth and involve local governments, including parks and recreation  
19 departments and other schools.