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**An Act to Update the Provision of Law Concerning Student Codes
of Conduct in Order to Reflect Best Practices Regarding Behavioral
Threat Assessment and Response**

Submitted by the Department of Education pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAFFERTY of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§15, ¶F**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 307, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 F. Establish policies and procedures concerning the removal of disruptive or violent
5 students or students threatening death or bodily harm to others from a classroom or a
6 school bus, as well as student disciplinary and placement decisions, when to identify,
7 assess and intervene with students who may pose a threat of violence to themselves or
8 others within the school community, including policies and procedures regarding
9 student supports, disciplinary actions and placement decisions if and when appropriate,
10 up to and including removal from a classroom or a school bus;

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill amends the provision of law governing a school board's adoption of a student
13 code of conduct to require the establishment of policies and procedures for students who
14 may pose a threat of violence in order to reflect best practices regarding behavioral threat
15 assessment and response.