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S.P. 230

In Senate, February 11, 2025

**An Act to Provide Educational Opportunities for Students in
Secondary Schools with 200 or Fewer Students**

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 7, 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 GUERIN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative BAGSHAW of Windham and
Representatives: HAGGAN of Hampden, LYMAN of Livermore Falls.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5204, sub-§7** is enacted to read:

3 **7. Secondary schools with 200 or fewer students.** Notwithstanding any provision of
4 this section to the contrary, secondary students whose parents reside in a school
5 administrative unit with a secondary school with a total April 1st resident student count of
6 200 or fewer may enroll in another school administrative unit's secondary school in
7 accordance with this subsection.

8 A. The student's parents must notify the superintendent of the school administrative
9 unit where the student's parents reside of the intent to enroll in another secondary
10 school by April 1st.

11 B. The student's parents must provide the resident school administrative unit with an
12 acceptance letter from the receiving school by May 1st.

13 C. The receiving school administrative unit shall invoice the resident school
14 administrative unit on a quarterly basis for payment at the per-pupil rate, which may
15 not exceed the state maximum allowable tuition rate.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill provides that a secondary student whose parents reside in a school
18 administrative unit with a secondary school with a total resident student count of 200 or
19 fewer may enroll in another school administrative unit's secondary school upon acceptance
20 from that school. The student's parents must notify the resident school of the intent to
21 enroll in another school by April 1st and provide the resident school administrative unit
22 with an acceptance letter from the receiving school by May 1st. The receiving school
23 administrative unit must invoice the resident school administrative unit for payment at the
24 per-pupil rate, which may not exceed the state maximum allowable tuition rate.