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H.P. 846

House of Representatives, March 25, 2025

**An Act to Make Permanent the Law Allowing School Boards to
Accept the Volunteer Services of Immediate Family Members of
Superintendents or School Board Members**

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 CARLOW of Buxton.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1002, sub-§2-C is enacted to read:

2-C. Permissive volunteer placement by school administrative unit.
Notwithstanding subsection 2-A, a school board may, but is not required to, permit a superintendent's or school board member's spouse or other family member to serve as a volunteer. A school board may adopt a written policy on nepotism to discourage favoritism and political patronage, consider the needs of the school system and provide that all volunteers have a fair and equal opportunity to be selected on merit, with priority consideration given to the best interest of students without restrictions based solely on family association.

SUMMARY

This bill reestablishes a law that was repealed through a statutory repeal clause in 2024 that allows a school board to permit a spouse of a school board member to serve as a volunteer. This bill expands the law that was repealed in 2024 to include a superintendent's or school board member's spouse or other family members.