

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-2025

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1833**

S.P. 715

In Senate, April 30, 2025

### **An Act to Expand Law Education and Training by Creating a Night Law School Program**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BALDACCI of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, RAFFERTY of York.

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

**Sec. 1. University of Maine System and University of Maine School of Law to establish night school law program in Orono.** By the beginning of the 2028-2029 academic year, the University of Maine System in collaboration with the University of Maine School of Law shall establish at the University of Maine at Orono a juris doctor program that allows a student enrolled in the program to fulfill the degree requirements for a juris doctor primarily by attending classes at night through online course work with periodic in-person instruction. By November 4, 2026, the University of Maine System shall submit a report related to the establishment of the night school law program to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

## SUMMARY

This bill requires the University of Maine System in collaboration with the University of Maine School of Law to establish at the University of Maine at Orono a juris doctor program that allows a student enrolled in the program to fulfill the degree requirements for a juris doctor primarily by attending classes at night through online course work with periodic in-person instruction. By November 4, 2026, the University of Maine System must submit a report related to the establishment of the program to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.