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House of Representatives, January 12, 1961.

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Prince, Jr. of Harpswell.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT to Authorize the Municipalities of Cumberland, North Yarmouth and Pownal to Form a School Administrative District.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, a thorough study has been made of the school conditions in the above-mentioned area ; and

Whereas, there is a need for safe and adequate school facilities in the area comprised of these towns ; and

Whereas, by consolidation of these educational functions of these municipalities, the school programs can be improved and safe and adequate plant facilities could be constructed more economically ; and

Whereas, it is geographically impossible to meet the minimum requirement of 300 resident high school students in this area as set out in the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 41 ; and

Whereas, the Maine School District Commission cannot approve the formation of these areas as districts under the criteria set out in the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 41, section III-E ; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety ; now, therefore,

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

**School administrative district for Cumberland, North Yarmouth and Pownal; authorized.** The municipalities of Cumberland, North Yarmouth and Pownal

are exempted from the limitations provided in the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 41, section 111-E, as amended, and the Maine School District Commission is authorized to proceed pursuant to sections 111-F to 111-U to take the necessary action to allow the municipalities of Cumberland, North Yarmouth and Pownal to form a school administrative district.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the number of times that the above-named municipalities may make application to the Maine School District Commission, nor shall the authority granted to the Maine School District Commission under this act be limited to any specified number of times for the commission to authorize the above-named municipalities to act on the formation of a school administrative district.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.