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- actor has supervisory or disciplinary authority over such other person: ; or
- 3 Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §253, sub-§2, ¶F is enacted to 4 read:
- F. The other person has not in fact attained his 19th birthday and is a student enrolled in a private or public elementary, secondary or special education school, facility or institution and the actor is a teacher, employee or other official having instructional, supervisory or disciplinary authority over the student.
- 12 Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §253, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 13 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:
- 5. Violation of subsection 2, paragraphs paragraph A, C or E is a Class B crime. Violation of subsection 2, paragraphs paragraph B er, D or F is a Class C crime.
- 18 Sec. 5. 17-A MRSA §255, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended 19 by PL 1979, c. 701, §22, is further amended to read:
- D. The other person suffers from a mental disability that is reasonably apparent or known to the actor which in fact renders the other person substantially incapable of appraising the nature of the contact involved; or
- 25 Sec. 6. 17-A MRSA §255, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted 26 by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:
- 27 E. The other person is in official custody as a probationer or parolee or is detained in a hospi-29 tal, prison or other institution and the actor 30 has supervisory or disciplinary authority over 31 such other person; or
- 32 Sec. 7. 17-A MRSA §255, sub-§1, ¶F is enacted to 33 read:
- F. The other person has not in fact attained his
 19th birthday and is a student enrolled in a private or public elementary, secondary or special

education school, facility or institution and the
actor is a teacher, employee or other official
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authority over the student.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill adds new paragraphs to the Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, sections 253 and 255, making it a crime for a teacher, employee or other school official to have sexual relations or sexual contact with a student enrolled in a school, facility or institution who has not attained his 19th birthday. This conduct constitutes a crime notwithstanding the fact that the student may have consented to the actions.

This bill recognizes the subtle pressures that may be put upon a student to ingratiate himself or herself with a teacher, employee or other school official and that the student's "consent" in such cases may not be free and voluntary. The bill applies equally to state-run schools, such as the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, schools in the unorganized territories, public schools operated by school administrative units and private schools.

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