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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 531

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7 H.P. 387

House of Representatives, February 13, 1985

8 Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Education pursuant to
9 Joint Rule 19. Approved by the Legislative Council on April 25, 1984.

10 Reported by Representative Foss from the Committee on Education and
printed under Joint Rule 19.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT Concerning Decisions on Student
18 Eligibility to Participate in
19 Interscholastic Activities.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§7 is enacted to
24 read:

25 7. Review. On the written request of a student
26 or his parent or guardian, the state board shall re-
27 view final decisions on that student's eligibility to
28 participate in interscholastic activities made by the
29 local school board or any group or association to
30 which the school board has delegated authority to en-
31 force interscholastic eligibility rules. The request
32 shall be filed within 30 days of the issuance of the
33 decision.

34 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5201, sub-§5 is enacted to
35 read:

1 5. Decision making. Any board, association,
2 corporation or other organization which makes deci-
3 sions affecting the eligibility of students to par-
4 ticipate in interscholastic activities shall do so in
5 a meeting which, at the request of the student, shall
6 be open to the public. The meeting shall be preceded
7 by adequate notice and shall provide opportunity for
8 participation by affected persons.

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 This bill is the result of the Joint Standing
11 Committee on Education's study of the Maine Secondary
12 School Principals' Association eligibility rules.
13 Section 1 allows appeal from final decisions on a
14 student-athlete's eligibility to the State Board of
15 Education. Section 2 requires decisions on the eli-
16 gibility of students to be made in public meetings
17 following notice and opportunity for public partici-
18 pation.

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