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H.P. 437

House of Representatives, March 6, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MacBRIDE of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINE

An Act to Extend the Length of the School Day.



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

Basic school approval; school day length. The State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, jointly amend basic school approval rules governing school administrative units to require that every school administrative unit add an additional period to the school day for grades 1 through 12. These rules must provide that the additional period shall be used only for academic purposes, that each school principal in cooperation with the school superintendent shall designate those academic purposes and that each school board shall independently determine the length of the additional period.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill would require the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services to amend the basic school approval rules regarding the length of the school The amended rule would require each school district to lengthen its school day by a period of time the length of which will be independently set by local school boards. The amended rules will require that this additional period be used only for academic purposes, such as extra help, remedial work, independent study for gifted students or study hall. Local superintendents together with school principals independently determine the curriculum for this extra period. Local school boards will determine the length of this period.