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S.P. 377

In Senate, March 28, 1995

**An Act to Revise the Requirements of the Policy Review Council for the
Arthur R. Gould School at the Maine Youth Center.**

Submitted by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Joint Rule 24.
Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SMALL of Sagadahoc.
Cosponsored by Representative: JOHNSON of South Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3815, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 1991, c.
4 764, §2, is amended to read:

6 **4. Policy review council.** The Commissioner of Corrections
and the Commissioner of Education shall appoint a ~~7-member~~
8 5-member policy review council as authorized by Title 5, chapter
379.

10 A. The term of office is 3 years.

12 B. The initial appointments are as follows:

14 (1) Three members for 3 years; and

16 (2) Two members for 2 years; ~~and.~~

18 ~~(3) Two members for one year.~~

20 C. Replacements for council members who do not complete
22 their term of office are for the remainder of the unexpired
term.

24 D. A Legislator may not serve on the council.

26 E. The council members must be ~~representative of a broad~~
28 ~~range of professionals, parents and citizens interested in~~
the education of students at the Arthur R. Gould School and
30 include 4 education professionals and the parents a parent
of a current or former Arthur R. Gould School student and
32 that parent must reside in Cumberland County. ~~In addition,~~
council members may include:

34 ~~(1) Professionals not employed by the Arthur R. Gould~~
36 ~~School who serve or have served students in a~~
corrections setting;

38 ~~(2) Representatives of advocacy groups for children~~
40 ~~with special needs;~~

42 ~~(3) School administrative unit administrators or~~
special education directors; ~~and~~

44 ~~(4) Interested citizens.~~

46 F. The council must have access to the school, but may not
48 participate in the administration of the day-to-day
operations of the school.

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2 G. The duties of the council include, but are not limited
to:

4 (1) Making annual recommendations to the
superintendent and sending copies of the
6 recommendations to the members of the joint standing
committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
8 education matters;

10 (2) Making policy recommendations to the
superintendent, the Commissioner of Education and the
12 Commissioner of Corrections;

14 (3) Reviewing policy development by the superintendent;

16 (4) Reviewing the implementation of policy;

18 (5) Reviewing staff recruitment, retention, promotion
and evaluation policies and procedures;

20 (6) Holding hearings for staff, parents, students,
22 alumni, special education directors and the general
public and otherwise soliciting the opinions of
24 individuals in those groups concerning the operation
and role of the school; and

26 (7) Conducting exit interviews with staff members
28 terminating employment with the school.

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32 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

34 This bill reduces the size of the Policy Review Council for
the Arthur R. Gould School, located at the Maine Youth Center,
36 from 7 members to 5 members by eliminating the 2 one-year
appointments and limits membership to 4 education professionals
and a parent of a current or former student who resides in
38 Cumberland County.