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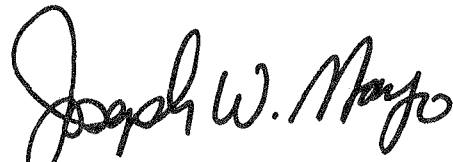
House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

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**An Act to Clarify the Definition of Qualified School for  
Telecommunications Network Purposes.**

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Submitted by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Utilities and Energy suggested and ordered printed.

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative JONES of Bar Harbor.  
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and  
Representative TAYLOR of Cumberland.

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

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**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7104-A, sub-§3, ¶B**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 631, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

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B. "Qualified school" means a public school as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 24; a private secondary school approved under Title 20-A, section 2951 or section 2901; or a school that provides free public access to all advanced telecommunications services available at that school, if the commission determines, in consultation with the Department of Education, that including that school as a qualified school is in the public interest.

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**SUMMARY**

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This bill expands the definition of "qualified school" for purposes of access to information services under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7104-A. The expanded definition includes private schools approved by the Department of Education under Title 20-A, section 2901, but does not include schools approved by the department for attendance purposes only.