

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 419

In Senate, March 4, 1997

**An Act to Establish a Public Education Assessment Advisory  
Commission.**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered  
printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLS of Somerset.

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

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4           **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§18-B** is enacted to read:

6     **18-B.**            Public            Not            20-A MRSA  
7     Education        Education        Authorized    §6210  
8                        Assessment  
9                        Advisory  
10                       Commission

12           **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6210** is enacted to read:

14     **§6210. Public Education Assessment Advisory Commission**

16     **1. Commission.** The Public Education Assessment Advisory  
17     Commission, referred to in this section as the "commission," is  
18     established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 18-B  
19     to oversee the continuing improvement to the system of learning  
20     results established pursuant to section 6209 and to oversee the  
21     development of the statewide education assessment program and  
22     other state and local assessment mechanisms for implementing the  
23     learning results system.

24     **2. Membership.** The commission consists of the following  
25     members:

26     A. Two representatives from the department who have  
27     expertise and credentials in the development and management  
28     of student assessments, appointed by the commissioner;

29     B. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by  
30     the Speaker of the House;

31     C. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President of  
32     the Senate;

33     D. One member of the State Board of Education selected by  
34     the members of the board;

35     E. One university teacher, appointed by the Chair of the  
36     Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System;

37     F. Three teachers, appointed by the commissioner with the  
38     advice and consent of the Maine Education Association. One  
39     teacher must represent grades K-4, one teacher must  
40     represent grades 5-8 and one teacher must represent  
41     secondary schools;

42     G. One superintendent of schools, appointed by the  
43     commissioner;

44     H. One school principal, appointed by the commissioner;

2           I. One parent of a child who attends public school,  
              appointed by the Governor; and

4           J. One representative of the State's business community,  
              appointed by the Governor.

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8           The commission shall elect a chair from among its members to  
              serve a term of 2 years.

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**SUMMARY**

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              This bill establishes the Public Education Assessment  
16           Advisory Commission to oversee the continuing improvement to the  
              system of learning results established pursuant to the Maine  
18           Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209 and the development of  
              the statewide education assessment program and other state and  
20           local assessment mechanisms for implementing the learning results  
              system.