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House of Representatives, April 16, 1997

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### An Act to Change the School Calendar.

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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 "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DONNELLY of Presque Isle.  
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland and  
Representatives: BRENNAN of Portland, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, McELROY of Unity,  
MITCHELL of Vassalboro, STEDMAN of Hartland, TRUE of Fryeburg, Senators: AMERO  
of Cumberland, MacKINNON of York.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

6       **1-A. School calendar.** A school administrative unit shall  
8       make provisions for a school calendar for all of its schools. A  
10       school calendar may not allow more than 6 consecutive weeks of  
12       vacation during the calendar year.

14       **Sec. 2. Study.** The Commission to Study the School Year  
16       Calendar, referred to in this section as the "commission" is  
18       established.

20       **1. Membership.** The commission consists of the following  
22       members:

24       A. Three members of the Legislature, at least one of whom  
26       must be a member of the political party with the 2nd most  
28       number of members in the Legislature, appointed jointly by  
30       the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;

32       B. The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's  
34       designee;

36       C. One member from each of the following 3 organizations,  
38       appointed by the Governor, from names submitted to the  
40       Governor by the organizations:

42               (1) The Maine Principals' Association;

44               (2) The Maine Education Association; and

46               (3) The Maine School Management Association; and

48       D. Two parents who are active in a local parent-teacher  
50       association appointed by the Governor.

52       **2. Appointments; meetings.** Appointments must be made no  
54       later than 30 days following the effective date of this Act. The  
56       Executive Director of the Legislative Council must be notified by  
58       all appointing authorities once the selections have been made.  
60       When the appointment of all members has been completed, the Chair  
62       of the Legislative Council shall call and convene the first  
64       meeting of the commission no later than 30 days after  
66       appointments are made. The commission shall select a legislative  
68       member as chair.

70       **3. Duties.** The commission shall study the effects of an  
72       extended school year on students, educators and families and of  
74       increasing compensated training days and programs for educators.

