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## 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999**

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No. 879

H.P. 629

House of Representatives, February 2, 1999

An Act to Enable School Attendance.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland. Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, GREEN of Monmouth, QUINT of Portland, SHIAH of Bowdoinham, STEVENS of Orono, TOWNSEND of Portland, WATSON of Farmingdale.

_	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§9, ¶¶D and E, as enacted by PL
4	1993, c. 157, §1, are amended to read:
6	D. Who, with use of any other dangerous weapon as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 9, paragraph A,
8	intentionally or knowingly causes injury or accompanies use of a weapon with a threat to cause injury; er
10	E. Who possesses, furnishes or trafficks in any scheduled
12	drug as defined in Title 17-A, chapter 45-; or
14	Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§9, ¶F is enacted to read:
16	F. Who either alone or in concert with others has engaged in harassment of other students.
18	Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§15 is enacted to read:
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22	15. Provide safe environment. They shall provide a safe school environment for students who have been the victims of violence or harassment and shall adopt policies and rules to meet
24	this requirement. They may not take any action that will have the effect of placing restrictions on the victim of violence or
26	harassment and shall take all steps necessary to allow the victim to attend the victim's school without fear of harassment or
28	violence. The school environment extends to transportation provided by the school district and to field trips and
30	extracurricular activities.
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36	This bill provides that students can not be prevented from attending school because they have been victims of violence or harassment.