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In Senate, February 13, 2001

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing a Conflict of Interest for a School Board Member.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative JACOBS of Turner and
Senator MITCHELL of Penobscot, Representatives: CHIZMAR of Lisbon, CUMMINGS of
Portland, GREEN of Monmouth, McNEIL of Rockland, WESTON of Montville.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1002, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1999, c. 128, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Employment by school administrative unit, school union, academy. A member of a school board or spouse of a member may not be an a full-time employee in a public school within the jurisdiction of the school board to which the member is elected or in a contract high school or academy located within a supervisory union in which the member is a representative on the union committee. If a spouse of a school board is employed on a temporary, seasonal, part-time or substitute basis in a public school within the jurisdiction of the school board to which the member is elected or in a contract high school or academy located within a supervisory union in which the member is a representative on the union committee, the member must be recused from discussions of salary or other personnel deliberations directly affecting the member's spouse.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the conflict of interest law for school board members to allow a member's spouse to be employed on a temporary, seasonal, part-time or substitute basis at a school within the jurisdiction of the school board of which the person's spouse is a member.