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## 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1249

House of Representatives, March 20, 2001

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An Act to Enhance the Safety and Health of Students in Public School Facilities.

Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative GERZOFSKY of Brunswick. Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and Representatives: DAVIS of Falmouth, SMITH of Van Buren.

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §563, sub-§6, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 519, §13, is amended to read:

6. Employee. "Employee" means any person, including a minor whether lawfully or unlawfully employed, who is employed or permitted to work by the State, a state agency, county, municipal corporation, school district or other public corporation or political subdivision. "Employee" in an employer's educational facility includes any person who is a student at that educational facility.

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill amends the definition of "employee" for purposes of the laws governing the occupational safety and health laws to allow the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards to consider the safety and health of students when conducting enforcement inspections in public sector educational facilities.