

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1474

House of Representatives, December 20, 2001

An Act Concerning Student Threats Against School Personnel.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 17, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative NORTON of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and
Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, DAVIS of Falmouth, PARADIS of Frenchville,
RICHARD of Madison, SULLIVAN of Biddeford, TARAZEWICH of Waterboro, WATSON
of Farmingdale, Senator: SAWYER of Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§19** is enacted to read:

6 **19. Physical threats by students against education**
8 **personnel.** Beginning with the 2002-2003 school year, they shall
10 **adopt a policy requiring that a student who issues a threat of**
12 **death or bodily harm against a teacher or staff person be removed**
14 **from the classroom or school bus. The policy must require the**
16 **consent of the person threatened before the student is reinstated**
into the classroom or onto the school bus.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires school boards to adopt policies to
address student threats of physical harm to education personnel.