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House of Representatives, April 14, 2003

An Act Regarding School Bus Contracts

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PINGREE of North Haven.
Cosponsored by Senator DOUGLASS of Androscoggin and
Representatives: CUMMINGS of Portland, DAVIS of Falmouth, FINCH of Fairfield,
GAGNE-FRIEL of Buckfield, MURPHY of Kennebunk, SAMPSON of Auburn, THOMAS of
Orono, Senator: MITCHELL of Penobscot.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** this Act must take effect before the expiration of
the 90-day period in order to permit contracts for transportation
to be extended before the beginning of the next school year; and

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10 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
12 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

16 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5401, sub-§13, ¶A,** as enacted by PL 1981,
18 c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

20 A. A contract may not exceed a period of 5 years, except
22 that the commissioner may authorize a one-year extension of
a 5-year contract when such an extension would be beneficial
24 to a school administrative unit.

26 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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30 SUMMARY

32 This bill allows the Commissioner of Education to authorize
a one-year extension of a 5-year contract for transportation of
public school students when such an extension would be beneficial
34 to a school administrative unit.