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House of Representatives, February 3, 2005

An Act To Promote Education in the Unorganized Territory

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.
Cosponsored by Senator DAMON of Hancock and
Representatives: CLARK of Millinocket, FISCHER of Presque Isle, SMITH of Van Buren.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3301, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Closing school. The commissioner may not close a school in the unorganized territory except in accordance with procedures and standards established by the department by rule. The rules must provide for a public hearing in the area served by a school prior to the date of the proposed closure of the school. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Education to adopt major substantive rules to establish standards and practices to follow when proposing to close a school in the unorganized territory.