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S.P. 354

In Senate, March 1, 2005

An Act To Authorize Exemptions for Certain Private Schools from Certain Requirements

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAGNON of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative PINGREE of North Haven and
Senators: MAYO of Sagadahoc, ROSEN of Hancock, Representatives: GROSE of Woolwich,
LEWIN of Eliot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2902-A** is enacted to read:

6 **§2902-A. Exemption from certain requirements for certain**
 accredited schools

8 Notwithstanding section 2902 or any provision in this Title
10 to the contrary, a school that is accredited by a national or
 international school accreditation organization that ascribes to
12 an internationally recognized teaching philosophy may apply to
 the commissioner for an exemption from those requirements of this
14 Title that conflict with the recognized and basic tenets of that
 teaching philosophy.

16 The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this
 section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine
18 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
20 2-A.

22 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8405** is enacted to read:

24 **§8405. Exemption from certain requirements for certain accredited**
 schools

26 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or chapter
28 1673 to the contrary, a nursery school that is accredited by a
 national or international school accreditation organization that
30 ascribes to an internationally recognized teaching philosophy may
 apply to the commissioner for an exemption from those
32 requirements of this chapter or chapter 1673 that conflict with
 the recognized and basic tenets of that teaching philosophy.

34 The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this
 section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine
36 technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter
38 2-A.

40 **SUMMARY**

42 This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Education and the
44 Commissioner of Health and Human Services to grant exemptions to
 accredited schools that ascribe to internationally recognized
46 teaching philosophies from requirements that conflict with the
 basic tenets of those philosophies.