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An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Compulsory School Attendance

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BOWMAN of York. Cosponsored by Representative NORTON of Bangor and Senator: SULLIVAN of York.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2 3	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5052-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 415, §21, is amended to read:
4 5	3. Duties. The duties of an attendance coordinator shall include, but <u>are</u> not be limited to, the following:
6 7 8	A. When notified by a principal that a student's attendance is irregular, interviewing the student and the parent or parents or guardian or guardians to determine the cause of the irregular attendance and file a written report with the principal;
9 10	B. Filing an annual report with the superintendent summarizing school year activities, findings and recommendations regarding truants; and
11 12	C. Serving as a member of the dropout prevention committee in accordance with section 5103-; and
13 14	D. Serving as the liaison between the school and the local law enforcement agency in matters pertaining to student absenteeism under sections 5001-A and 5051-A.
15	SUMMARY
16 17	This bill adds to the duties of the attendance coordinator serving as the liaison between the school and the local law enforcement agency in matters pertaining to student

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absenteeism.