

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **An Act To Modify the Student Code of Conduct**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BOWMAN of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§15, ¶G,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 307, §2, is  
3 further amended to read:

4 G. Establish guidelines and criteria concerning the appropriate circumstances when  
5 the superintendent or the superintendent's designee may provide information to the  
6 local police or other appropriate law enforcement authorities regarding an offense  
7 that involves violence committed by any person on school grounds or other school  
8 property; ~~and~~

9 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§15, ¶H,** as enacted by PL 2005, c. 307, §3, is  
10 amended to read:

11 H. Establish policies and procedures to address bullying, harassment and sexual  
12 harassment; and

13 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§15, ¶I** is enacted to read:

14 I. Establish policies and procedures to limit student participation in cocurricular  
15 activities for behavior that is unlawful.

16 **Sec. 4. Development of language for student codes of conduct.** To facilitate  
17 the implementation by school boards of the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes,  
18 Title 20-A, section 1001, subsection 15, paragraph I, the Department of Education shall  
19 develop language designed to provide school units with the legal basis for controlling  
20 student participation in cocurricular activities for behavior that is unlawful. After  
21 developing the language, the department shall make the language available to school  
22 boards throughout the State.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires that the student code of conduct be modified to provide school units  
25 the legal basis for controlling student participation in cocurricular activities for behavior  
26 that is unlawful, and requires the Department of Education to develop language designed  
27 to accomplish this goal and make the language available to school boards.