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An Act To Require the Convening of the Professional Standards Board

(EMERGENCY)

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative SUTHERLAND of Chapman.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAIN of Orono, DILL of Cape Elizabeth, PERRY of Calais,
WILLETTE of Presque Isle.

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

3 **Whereas,** this legislation requires the Professional Standards Board to meet before
4 the 90-day period has expired; and

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

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

10 **Sec. 1. PL 2005, c. 457, Pt. GG, §2** is amended to read:

11 **Sec. GG-2. Staggered terms.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
12 20-A, section 13101, subsection 3, of the 22 initial appointments made in accordance
13 with Title 20-A, section 13101, subsection 2, 7 of the appointees must be appointed for
14 one-year terms, 7 of the appointees must be appointed for 2-year terms and 8 appointees
15 must be appointed for 3-year terms. All appointments must be made by July 1, 2009.

16 **Sec. 2. PL 2005, c. 457, Pt. GG, §3** is enacted to read:

17 **Sec. GG-3. Convening date.** The Professional Standards Board established in
18 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13101, subsection 1 shall convene no
19 later than September 1, 2009.

20 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
21 legislation takes effect when approved.

22 SUMMARY

23 The Professional Standards Board was established in 2005. The board has not met
24 and the need for an advisory board for the State Board of Education has grown. This bill
25 establishes a date for the board to be appointed by and a date for the board to convene.