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House of Representatives, January 11, 2011

An Act To Allow Marriage and Family Therapists To Serve as Mental Health Professionals in Public Schools

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative EVES of North Berwick. Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and

Representatives: LOVEJOY of Portland, MAKER of Calais, NELSON of Falmouth, RANKIN of Hiram, WAGNER of Lewiston.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §254, sub-§13 is enacted to read:
3 4 5 6 7	13. Marriage and family therapists. The commissioner shall adopt rules providing that a person licensed as a marriage and family therapist under Title 32, chapter 119 is qualified to hold the position of school counselor or school social worker or other mental health professional in a school setting. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.
8	SUMMARY
9 10 11	This bill requires the Commissioner of Education to adopt rules providing that a licensed marriage and family therapist is qualified for the position of school counselor, school social worker or other mental health professional in a school setting.