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House of Representatives, February 14, 2011

An Act To Extend the Length of the School Day

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Clerk

Presented by Representative DOW of Waldoboro.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:
3	2-B. Length of school day. Beginning in the 2013-2014 school year and for every
4	school year thereafter, the length of an average instructional day must be at least 5 hours
5	and 45 minutes. For purposes of this subsection, "instructional day" means a school day
6	during which both students and teachers are present, either in a school or in another
7	setting.
8	SUMMARY
9	This bill requires, beginning in the 2013-2014 school year, that a school instructional
10	day, which is a day during which both students and teachers are present, must be at least
11	5 hours and 45 minutes in length.