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House of Representatives, February 26, 2013

**An Act To Protect Charter Schools by Requiring Them To Be
Operated as Nonprofit Organizations**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and
Representatives: BERRY of Bowdoinham, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, JORGENSEN of
Portland, KRUGER of Thomaston, MacDONALD of Boothbay, MASON of Topsham,
MOONEN of Portland, RUSSELL of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2401, sub-§9, ¶¶F and G,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 414,
3 §5, are amended to read:

4 F. Operates in pursuit of a specific set of educational objectives as defined in its
5 charter contract; ~~and~~

6 G. Operates under the oversight of the authorizer from which its charter contract is
7 granted and in accordance with its charter contract; and

8 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §2401, sub-§9, ¶H** is enacted to read:

9 H. Operates as a nonprofit organization.

10 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §2401, sub-§11,** as enacted by PL 2011, c. 414, §5, is
11 amended to read:

12 **11. Virtual public charter school.** "Virtual public charter school" means a public
13 charter school that offers education services predominantly through an online program
14 and operates as a nonprofit organization.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill requires that public charter schools and virtual public charter schools
17 established in this State be operated as nonprofit organizations.