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An Act To Create the Maine Education Investment Board

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

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Presented by Representative NELSON of Falmouth.
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and
Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, KUSIAK of Fairfield, MacDONALD of
Boothbay, RANKIN of Hiram, Senator: JOHNSON of Lincoln.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-C, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

3 **9.**

4 Maine Education Investment Expenses Only 20-A MRSA §501
5 Board

6 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 6** is enacted to read:

7 **CHAPTER 6**

8 **MAINE EDUCATION INVESTMENT BOARD**

9 **§501. Maine Education Investment Board**

10 The Maine Education Investment Board, as established in Title 5, section 12004-C,
11 subsection 9 and referred to in this chapter as "the board," is established for the purpose
12 of ensuring that all public school students in this State reach the education outcomes
13 established for the State. The board shall oversee a unified public education system that
14 encompasses early childhood services and public education from kindergarten to
15 postsecondary education. The board shall develop and oversee annual achievement
16 compacts with all of the State's educational entities that receive public funds from the
17 department.

18 **1. Membership.** The board consists of 13 members as follows:

19 A. The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, serves as an ex officio
20 member of the board; and

21 B. The following 12 members appointed by the Governor and subject to review by
22 the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education
23 matters and to confirmation by the Legislature:

24 (1) One member who teaches in elementary or middle school;

25 (2) One member who teaches in secondary school;

26 (3) One member who teaches in a career and technical school;

27 (4) One member who teaches in an equivalent instruction program that is
28 approved as an alternative to public school as set forth in section 5001-A,
29 subsection 3;

30 (5) One member from a statewide organization of school superintendents;

31 (6) One member from a statewide organization of school principals;

32 (7) One member from the Maine Education Association;

33 (8) One member from the University of Maine System;

34 (9) One member from the Maine Community College System;

1 (10) One member from the state board; and

2 (11) Two members of the public.

3 **2. Terms; vacancy.** The members of the board appointed pursuant to subsection 1,
4 paragraph B serve for 3-year terms and serve until their successors are appointed. On the
5 expiration of a term of any member appointed pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph B, a
6 successor must be appointed to a 3-year term. A member of the board is eligible for
7 reappointment to the board. A vacancy on the board does not impair the right of a
8 quorum of members to perform the duties of the board. In the event of a vacancy on the
9 board of a member appointed pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph B, the Governor shall
10 appoint a replacement member for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same
11 manner as the original appointment was made.

12 **3. Duties.** The board shall develop and enter into annual achievement compacts with
13 the State's educational entities that receive public funds from the department and shall
14 oversee the progress of the entities under those compacts to ensure that all public school
15 students in this State are achieving the education outcomes established for the State from
16 kindergarten to postsecondary education. The compacts must include:

17 A. Strategies for streamlined transitions between grades and school systems from
18 kindergarten to postsecondary school graduation;

19 B. Strategies for public school students to achieve the content standards of the
20 system of learning results under section 6209, demonstrate proficiency for graduation
21 under section 4722-A and achieve goals established for high school and college
22 graduation rates by 2025;

23 C. Strategies to make available high-quality career and technical education courses
24 for public school students; and

25 D. Fair measurements for assessing teacher quality.

26 The board shall also work on strategic projects specifically requested by the
27 commissioner for the purpose of improving and integrating public education in this State.

28 **4. Chair; vice-chair.** The commissioner or the commissioner's designee is the chair
29 of the board. The board shall elect from among its membership a vice-chair who shall
30 serve for a one-year term. The vice-chair serves until a successor is elected. The chair
31 calls meetings of the board and presides over meetings. The vice-chair serves as the chair
32 in the absence of the chair.

33 **5. Meetings; quorum; subcommittees.** The board shall meet at least 4 times each
34 year and may meet at other times when necessary. A quorum of the board is 7 members.
35 The board may establish subcommittees of no fewer than 3 members.

36 **6. Compensation.** Members of the board appointed pursuant to subsection 1,
37 paragraph B are entitled to receive compensation for travel expenses as allowed under
38 Title 5, section 12004-C, subsection 9 while engaged in board activities.

39 **7. Staff assistance.** The department shall provide staff support to the board.

1 **8. Annual report.** By January 15th annually, the board shall submit a report of its
2 findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
3 jurisdiction over education matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature
4 having jurisdiction over education matters has the authority to report out legislation
5 relating to the annual report.

6 **Sec. 3. Maine Education Investment Board; staggered terms.**
7 Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 501, subsection 2, when
8 appointing original members to the Maine Education Investment Board, the Governor
9 shall designate 4 members to serve one-year terms, 4 members to serve 2-year terms and
10 4 members to serve 3-year terms.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill establishes the Maine Education Investment Board. The board consists of
13 the Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee, members of various
14 sectors of the State's publicly supported educational entities and 2 public members. The
15 board shall develop and enter into annual achievement compacts with the State's
16 educational entities that receive public funds from the department and oversee the
17 progress of the entities under those compacts to ensure that all public school students in
18 this State reach the education outcomes established for the State from kindergarten to
19 postsecondary education. The compacts must include strategies for streamlined
20 transitions between grades and school systems, strategies to ensure that public school
21 students meet the requirements for graduation and goals for high school and college
22 graduation rates, strategies to ensure availability of high-quality career and technical
23 education courses and fair measures for assessing teacher quality. The board shall also
24 work on strategic projects assigned by the commissioner.