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An Act To Allow a School Administrative Unit To Implement a Firearm Safety Education Program for Elementary School Students

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PICCHIOTTI of Fairfield.
Cosponsored by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset and
Representatives: CHACE of Durham, FOLEY of Wells, GUERIN of Glenburn, HILLIARD of
Belgrade, POULIOT of Augusta.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶U**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 611, §1, is
3 further amended to read:

4 U. Review the organization of school administrative units statewide to identify
5 current cooperative agreements between school administrative units. Cooperative
6 agreements may include, but are not limited to: purchasing or contract agreements;
7 administrative functions; shared staff and staff training; and technology initiatives.
8 Based on the review, and in consultation with the department, the state board may
9 recommend that school administrative units develop and carry out a plan for a
10 cooperative agreement with one or more other school administrative units.
11 "Cooperative agreement" may include agreements between school administrative
12 units and career and technical education regions and career and technical education
13 centers; ~~and~~

14 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶V**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 611, §2, is
15 further amended to read:

16 V. Study school administrative unit configuration statewide; ~~and~~

17 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §405, sub-§3, ¶W** is enacted to read:

18 W. Develop guidelines for a standardized program of firearm safety education for
19 elementary students that a school board may adopt in accordance with section 4713.
20 The guidelines must incorporate principles of firearm safety, including but not
21 limited to principles related to accident prevention, principles developed by a national
22 organization that provides a firearm safety program and principles developed by a
23 national organization that provides a crime prevention training program.

24 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §4713** is enacted to read:

25 **§4713. Optional firearm safety education program for elementary students**

26 A school board may adopt and implement a firearm safety education program for
27 elementary students in conformance with guidelines developed by the state board
28 pursuant to section 405, subsection 3, paragraph W. A firearm safety education program
29 adopted pursuant to this section must be integrated into appropriate subject areas in a
30 manner that ensures that every elementary student in the school administrative unit
31 completes the firearm safety education program.

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill requires the State Board of Education to develop guidelines for a
34 standardized program of firearm safety education for elementary students and provides
35 that school boards may adopt a firearm safety education program in conformance with the
36 guidelines.