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House of Representatives, January 22, 2015

An Act To Provide Options to Schools for Making Up School Days

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

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

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Presented by Representative TUELL of East Machias.
Cosponsored by Senator EDGECOMB of Aroostook and
Representatives: ALLEY of Beals, CAMPBELL of Orrington, DUCHESNE of Hudson,
HANINGTON of Lincoln, MAKER of Calais, McCLELLAN of Raymond, STEARNS of
Guilford.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§1, ¶F** is enacted to read: 3 F. A school administrative unit operating under a plan approved by the commissioner may provide for a one-hour extension of the school day for up to 25 4 5 days in a school year. Notwithstanding the required number of school days under this subsection, 5 one-hour extensions may be counted as one additional school day. A 6 school administrative unit may implement extended days pursuant to this paragraph 7 8 only for the purpose of making up school days missed due to weather or emergency 9 closures. **SUMMARY** 10 11 This bill provides that school administrative units may annually extend up to 25 12 school days by one hour each day. Five one-hour extensions count as one additional 13 school day. Schools may use the extensions only to make up school days missed because of weather or emergency closures. 14