

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 119

In Senate, February 2, 2017

### **An Act To Promote Physical Activity for Schoolchildren**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and  
Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, LANGLEY of Hancock, MAKER of Washington,  
Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, FARNSWORTH of Portland, HUBBELL of Bar  
Harbor, POULIOT of Augusta.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6632** is enacted to read:

3 **§6632. Daily physical activity**

4 Beginning in the 2018-2019 school year, a school administrative unit shall provide at  
5 least 30 minutes of daily physical activity for all students in kindergarten to grade 5. For  
6 purposes of this section, "physical activity" means unstructured recess, recreational  
7 classroom activity or structured physical education. A school administrative unit may not  
8 deny a student physical activity as punishment or discipline. A teacher may restrict a  
9 student from engaging in physical activity if engaging in physical activity presents a  
10 danger to the student or others or if the restriction is consistent with the student's  
11 individualized education program. If a student is behaving inappropriately during  
12 physical activity, a teacher may provide an alternative physical activity to the student.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill requires all school administrative units to provide at least 30 minutes of  
15 daily physical activity for all students in kindergarten to grade 5. The bill provides that a  
16 teacher may restrict a student from engaging in physical activity if the physical activity  
17 presents a danger to the student or others or if the restriction is consistent with the  
18 student's individualized education program.