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House of Representatives, February 28, 2017

**An Act To Allow the Employment or Service in a School of a Spouse
of a School Board or Committee Member**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway.
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and
Representatives: HARLOW of Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop, JOHANSEN of Monticello,
TUCKER of Brunswick, Senator: LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1002, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 128, §2, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Employment by school administrative unit, school union, academy.** A
5 member of a school board or spouse of a member may not be an employee in a public
6 school within the jurisdiction of the school board to which the member is elected or in a
7 contract high school or academy located within a supervisory union in which the member
8 is a representative on the union committee, except that a member's spouse may be
9 employed in a position prohibited by this subsection upon a 2/3 vote of the school board.

10 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1002, sub-§2-A**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 128, §3, is
11 amended to read:

12 **2-A. Volunteer placement by school administrative unit, school union, academy.**
13 A member of a school board or member's spouse may not serve as a volunteer when that
14 volunteer has primary responsibility for a curricular, cocurricular or extracurricular
15 program or activity and reports directly to the superintendent, principal, athletic director
16 or other school administrator in a public school within the jurisdiction of the school board
17 to which the member is elected, except that a member's spouse may serve in a volunteer
18 position prohibited by this subsection upon a 2/3 vote of the school board, or in a contract
19 high school or academy located within a supervisory union in which the member is a
20 representative on the school committee, except that a member's spouse may serve in a
21 volunteer position prohibited by this subsection upon a 2/3 vote of the school committee.
22 Volunteer activities of a member of a school board or member's spouse, other than in
23 roles that are prohibited by this subsection, may be prescribed by policies developed and
24 approved by the school board of the school administrative unit.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill allows a spouse of a school board member to be employed or serve in a
27 volunteer position in a public school within the jurisdiction of the school board to which
28 the member is elected or in a contract high school or academy located within a
29 supervisory union in which the member is a representative on the union committee upon a
30 2/3 vote of the school board or committee.