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House of Representatives, March 23, 2017

### An Act To Provide Traffic Safety Education in Schools

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.  
Cosponsored by Senator KATZ of Kennebec and  
Representatives: AUSTIN of Gray, FARNSWORTH of Portland, McLEAN of Gorham,  
RYKERSON of Kittery, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CHIPMAN  
of Cumberland, VOLK of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 335** is enacted to read:

3 **CHAPTER 335**

4 **TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION**

5 **§9951. Traffic safety education defined**

6 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, "traffic safety  
7 education" means education designed to provide instruction regarding traffic safety laws  
8 and rules, including best practices for users of public and private ways, including motor  
9 vehicle operators, pedestrians, bicyclists and other vulnerable users, as that term is  
10 defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 91-A.

11 **§9952. Traffic safety education required**

12 A school administrative unit shall provide at least one hour of age-appropriate traffic  
13 safety education annually to students in grade 2 and above. The traffic safety education  
14 must meet the minimum requirements specified in section 9953.

15 **§9953. Traffic safety education program minimum requirements**

16 A traffic safety education program, referred to in this chapter as "the program,"  
17 offered by a school administrative unit must meet, at a minimum, the following  
18 requirements adjusted as appropriate for each grade.

19 **1. Pedestrian instruction.** The program must provide instruction on traffic laws and  
20 rules applicable to pedestrians and safe pedestrian use of public and private ways,  
21 including:

- 22 A. Use of sidewalks and crosswalks;
- 23 B. Travel on the shoulders of public ways, including direction of travel;
- 24 C. Entering, exiting and crossing public and private ways; and
- 25 D. Conspicuity.

26 **2. Bicyclist instruction.** The program must provide instruction on traffic laws and  
27 rules applicable to bicyclists and safe bicycle operation on public and private ways,  
28 including:

- 29 A. Helmet requirements and use;
- 30 B. Lighting and reflector use;
- 31 C. Hand signals and use;
- 32 D. The meaning of and the proper response to traffic control devices as defined in  
33 Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 84;
- 34 E. Travel on public ways, including direction of travel; and

