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S.P. 630

In Senate, December 22, 2017

An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Schools

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 19, 2017. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock.
Cosponsored by Representative KORNFIELD of Bangor and
Senator: MASON of Androscoggin, Representative: HUBBELL of Bar Harbor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2901, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2015, c. 40, §2, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Accreditation or approval requirements.** Is either:

5 A. A private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls at least 60% publicly
6 funded students that is currently accredited by a commission on independent schools
7 of a New England association of schools and colleges in fulfillment of its standards
8 of accreditation and indicators and that also meets the applicable requirements of the
9 system of learning results established in section 6209; ~~or~~

10 B. ~~Meets~~ A private school that meets applicable requirements of this Title pertaining
11 to private schools and the department's requirements for approval for attendance
12 purposes adopted under section 2902; or

13 C. A private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls fewer than 60%
14 publicly funded students that is currently accredited by a commission on independent
15 schools of a New England association of schools and colleges in fulfillment of its
16 standards of accreditation and indicators.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill allows a private school that enrolls fewer than 60% publicly funded students
19 to operate as an approved private school if it is accredited by a commission on
20 independent schools of a New England association of schools and colleges; in current
21 law, such a private school is subject to the Department of Education's basic school
22 approval process.