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House of Representatives, January 29, 2019

An Act To Protect Access to Outside-of-school Enrichment Opportunities

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 BERRY of Bowdoinham.
Cosponsored by Senator LUCHINI of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4013** is enacted to read:

3 **§4013. Enrichment opportunities outside of school**

4 A school administrative unit may not:

5 **1. Prohibit student access.** Prohibit a student from accessing any legal academic,
6 athletic, cultural or other enrichment opportunity outside of school unless the school
7 administrative unit determines that involvement of the student in the enrichment
8 opportunity interferes with the student's ability to meet the academic standards of the
9 school administrative unit; or

10 **2. Prohibit staff involvement.** Prohibit or otherwise restrict a teacher, coach, other
11 employee or school volunteer who has written authorization from a student and the
12 student's parent from involvement in any of the opportunities identified in subsection 1
13 unless:

14 A. The school administrative unit determines that involvement of the student in the
15 enrichment opportunity interferes with the student's ability to meet the academic
16 standards of the school administrative unit; or

17 B. The enrichment opportunity is sponsored by a corporate or other entity and the
18 teacher's, coach's, other employee's or school volunteer's involvement is inconsistent
19 with the educational policy of the school administrative unit.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill establishes that a school administrative unit may not prohibit a student from
22 accessing outside-of-school enrichment opportunities unless the student is failing to meet
23 academic standards and that a school administrative unit may not prohibit or otherwise
24 restrict an authorized school employee or volunteer from involvement unless the student
25 is failing to meet academic standards or the enrichment opportunity is part of a corporate
26 sponsorship and the employee's or volunteer's involvement is inconsistent with the
27 educational policy of the school administrative unit.