

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 856

House of Representatives, March 12, 2019

### **An Act To Improve School Safety by Requiring Law Enforcement Visits**

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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 "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HUTCHINS of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senator DOW of Lincoln and  
Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, BERRY of Bowdoinham, LYFORD of  
Eddington, McCREIGHT of Harpswell, SAMPSON of Alfred, STEARNS of Guilford,  
Senator: ROSEN of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6555** is enacted to read:

3 **§6555. Law enforcement officers to visit public schools**

4 A public school must be visited at least 2 times per week by a law enforcement  
5 officer from the State Police, a county sheriff's office or a municipal law enforcement  
6 agency when that public school is in session. Visits by law enforcement officers pursuant  
7 to this section must be unannounced and occur at varying times of the day and week at  
8 each public school. The county sheriff's office shall coordinate these visits.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This bill requires that a public school be visited at least 2 times per week by a law  
11 enforcement officer from the State Police, a county sheriff's office or a municipal law  
12 enforcement agency when that public school is in session. Visits by law enforcement  
13 officers must be unannounced and occur at varying times of the day and week at each  
14 public school. The county sheriff's office is responsible for coordinating these visits.