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S.P. 673

In Senate, January 8, 2020

**An Act To Allow Certain Retired Law Enforcement Officers and
Trained Law Enforcement Officers To Serve as School Security
Officers**

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

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DILL of Penobscot.

Cosponsored by Representative NADEAU of Winslow and

Senators: CARPENTER of Aroostook, President JACKSON of Aroostook, SANBORN, H. of Cumberland, Representative: MORIARTY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6556** is enacted to read:

3 **§6556. Qualification of school security officer**

4 A school administrative unit as defined in section 1, subsection 26 may employ as a
5 school security officer a person who:

6 **1. Compliance with criminal history record information requirements.** Has
7 complied with the requirements of section 6103; and

8 **2. Law enforcement officer qualifications.** Meets the qualifications for a law
9 enforcement officer either:

10 A. As set forth in Title 25, chapter 341; or

11 B. By virtue of previously having met the qualifications for and served as a certified
12 law enforcement officer for a state, county, municipal or federal law enforcement
13 agency and having retired from that position in good standing.

14 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2801-B, sub-§1, ¶K,** as corrected by RR 2005, c. 1, §9, is
15 amended to read:

16 K. A contract officer appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety pursuant to
17 Title 28-A, section 82-A; or

18 **Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2801-B, sub-§1, ¶L,** as reallocated by RR 2005, c. 1, §10, is
19 amended to read:

20 L. A transport officer; or

21 **Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2801-B, sub-§1, ¶M** is enacted to read:

22 M. A person employed as a school security officer by a school administrative unit
23 pursuant to Title 20-A, section 6556 who served as a certified law enforcement
24 officer for a state, county, municipal or federal law enforcement agency and who
25 retired from that position in good standing.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill allows a school administrative unit to employ as a school security officer a
28 person who is a trained law enforcement officer or a person who meets the qualifications
29 for a law enforcement officer as set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, chapter
30 341 or a person who has retired in good standing from a position as a certified law
31 enforcement officer for a state, county, municipal or federal law enforcement agency and
32 who meets the requirements for criminal history record information of Title 20-A, section
33 6103.