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An Act To Increase Student Reading Proficiency

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §6209-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§6209-B. Benchmarks for elementary student reading proficiency**

4 The commissioner shall establish benchmarks to achieve the accountability standards
5 for reading for elementary students established pursuant to section 6209. The benchmarks
6 must provide that by 2025 75% of students entering grade 4 will be proficient in reading.

7 **SUMMARY**

8 This bill directs the Commissioner of Education to establish benchmarks for reading
9 proficiency for elementary students. The benchmarks must provide that by 2025 75% of
10 students entering grade 4 will be proficient in reading.