

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
130TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 229,  
L.D. 325, "An Act To Expand the Definition of "Education Disruption" To Include States  
of Emergency That Limit Students' Access to On-site Education for Longer Than 15 School  
Days"

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the  
following:

'An Act Regarding Students Who Experienced Significant Education Interruption as  
a Result of the COVID-19 Pandemic'

Amend the amendment by inserting after the 3rd indented paragraph after the substitute  
title the following:

'Whereas, this legislation also allows the parent or legal guardian of a student who has  
been affected by the pandemic to request that the student not be promoted to the next grade;  
and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect in time for the 2021-2022 school year; and'

Amend the amendment by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 231 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 231

STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY COVID-19

§6981. Students who have been affected by COVID-19

The parent or legal guardian of a student may, by written notice to the principal of the  
student's school or to the superintendent of the school administrative unit in which the  
student attends school, request that the student not be promoted to the next grade level or  
graduated due to the various effects of coronavirus disease 2019, also known as COVID-19,  
and the related pandemic on the student's learning during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021  
school years. A principal or superintendent shall approve such a request as long as the  
student's school can accommodate adding the student to the requested grade level.'

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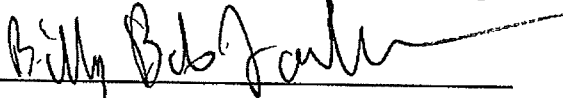
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Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

### SUMMARY

This amendment allows a parent or legal guardian of a student to request, by written notice to the principal of the student's school or to the superintendent of the school administrative unit in which the student attends school, that the student not be promoted to the next grade level or graduated due to the various effects of COVID-19 and the related pandemic on the student's learning during the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. It requires the principal or superintendent to approve the request as long as the student's school can accommodate adding the student to the requested grade level.

SPONSORED BY:



(Representative FAULKINGHAM, B.)

TOWN: Winter Harbor

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)

# HOUSE AMENDMENT



Approved: 04/27/21 *MAC*

# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 325

LR 1502(03)

**An Act To Expand the Definition of "Education Disruption" To Include States of Emergency That Limit Students' Access to On-site Education for Longer Than 15 School Days**

**Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"**

**Sponsor: Rep. Faulkingham of Winter Harbor**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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## Fiscal Note

No significant costs to schools

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment requires a principal or superintendent to approve a request from a parent or legal guardian of a student who has been affected by COVID-19 to not graduate the student or not promote the student to the next grade level if the student's school can accommodate adding the student to the affected grade level. Assuming that principals and superintendents will use cost as one of the criteria in determining a school's ability to accommodate such requests, there should be no significant costs to schools from this bill.