

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 11, 2021

**An Act To Improve Educational Opportunities by Exempting  
Children Who Attend Virtual Public Charter Schools from  
Immunization Requirements and Expanding Enrollment at Virtual  
Public Charter Schools**

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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 "R(t) B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.  
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and  
Representative: DRINKWATER of Milford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2404, sub-§4**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 253, §1, is amended  
3 to read:

4 **4. Maximum virtual public charter school enrollment.** The total enrollment at all  
5 a virtual public charter schools school authorized by the commission may not exceed ~~1,000~~  
6 1,500 students.

7 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §2408, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 253, §2, is further  
8 amended by amending the 3rd blocked paragraph to read:

9 A virtual public charter school authorized by the commission may ~~not~~ expand to serve a  
10 grade level ~~not included in levels 5 and 6 beyond~~ the school's initial charter contract or, for  
11 a school whose charter was renewed prior to November 1, 2019, the renewed charter  
12 contract.

13 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §6355, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

14 **5. Virtual public charter school.** The child is enrolled in or attends a virtual public  
15 charter school, as defined in section 2401, subsection 11. The Maine Charter School  
16 Commission established under Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 10-D may adopt safety  
17 protocols for physical attendance by the child at any class or school program.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill increases the total enrollment at virtual public charter schools authorized by  
20 the Maine Charter School Commission from 1,000 at all virtual public charter schools to  
21 1,500 at a virtual public charter school. It allows a virtual public charter school to expand  
22 to serve grade levels beyond the grade levels under the school's initial or renewed charter  
23 contract to include grade levels 5 and 6. It exempts children who are enrolled in or attend  
24 a virtual public charter school from immunization requirements. It also allows the Maine  
25 Charter School Commission to adopt safety protocols for physical attendance by such  
26 children at any class or school program.