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House of Representatives, March 26, 2021

**An Act To Restore a School District's Ability To Authorize New
Types of Schools and Programs**

Received by the Clerk of the House on March 24, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.
Cosponsored by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec and
Representatives: DRINKWATER of Milford, FECTEAU of Augusta, MASON of Lisbon,
STEARNS of Guilford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2405, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 307, §2, is amended
3 to read:

4 **10. Limit on number of public charter schools.** ~~No more than~~ The commission is
5 limited to authorizing 10 public charter schools ~~may that~~ operate at any the same time. Any
6 time the cap is reached, the commissioner may not accept further registrations from the
7 commission ~~or from local school boards and collaboratives of local school boards.~~
8 Notwithstanding this cap, local school boards and collaboratives of local school boards
9 may authorize public charter schools in their school administrative units in accordance with
10 the provisions of this chapter.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill provides that local school boards and collaboratives of local school boards
13 may authorize public charter schools in their school administrative units after the cap on
14 the number of public charter schools authorized by the Maine Charter School Commission
15 is reached.