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House of Representatives, May 5, 2021

**An Act To Require That Private Schools That Enroll 60 Percent or
More Publicly Funded Students Meet Certain Requirements**

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec and
Representative: PERRY of Calais, Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, MOORE of
Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §2951, sub-§6**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2017, c. 342,
3 §2, is amended to read:

4 **6. Student assessment and other requirements.** ~~Meets~~ At a minimum, meets or
5 exceeds the following requirements:

6 A. It participates in the statewide assessment program to measure and evaluate the
7 academic achievements of students; ~~and~~

8 B. It meets the applicable requirements of and has a curriculum aligned with the system
9 of learning results established in section 6209-;

10 C. It meets health and safety requirements applicable to public schools;

11 D. It accepts any Maine student from a sending school administrative unit; and

12 E. It enters into a contract with every sending school administrative unit of a student
13 who is attending the private school.

14 The requirements of this subsection apply only to a school that enrolls 60% or more
15 publicly funded students, as determined by the previous year's October and April average
16 enrollment; and

17 **Sec. 2. Application.** This Act applies to school years beginning with the 2022-2023
18 academic year.

19 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill amends the requirements that must be met by private schools receiving public
21 funds for tuition purposes.