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## 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2022**

**Legislative Document** 

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S.P. 676

In Senate, January 26, 2022

### **An Act To Protect School Administration Officials from Harassment and Abuse**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MORIARTY of Cumberland and
Senator: DESCHAMBAULT of York, Representatives: MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, PIERCE of Falmouth.

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

- **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §2, sub-§21,** as amended by PL 2007, c. 173, §2, is further amended to read:
- 21. "Public servant" means any official officer or employee of any branch of government and any person participating as juror, advisor, consultant or otherwise, in performing a governmental function. "Public servant" includes, but is not limited to, a principal as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 21, any member of a school board as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 28, a superintendent as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 39, a teacher and persons serving in similar positions. A person is considered a public servant upon the person's election, appointment or other designation as such, although the person may not yet officially occupy that position.

12 SUMMARY

 This bill amends the definition of "public servant" for the Maine Criminal Code to clarify that the definition includes principals, school board members, superintendents, teachers and persons serving in similar positions.