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House of Representatives, February 9, 2023

An Act to Allow Armed Security in Schools

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Cumberland and
Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BAGSHAW of Windham, FAULKINGHAM of
Winter Harbor, LYMAN of Livermore Falls, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, POLEWARCZYK
of Wiscasset, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senator: HARRINGTON of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1005** is enacted to read:

3 **§1005. Armed security**

4 A school board may employ or engage by contract a school resource officer, private
5 contractor or volunteer with applicable background and experience to provide armed
6 security at a school within the school board's school administrative unit. The school board
7 may establish qualifications and wage rates for any security personnel employed or
8 engaged under this section. For purposes of this section, "school resource officer" has the
9 same meaning as in section 6556.

10 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6552, sub-§2, ¶D** is enacted to read:

11 D. The prohibition on possession and discharge of a firearm does not apply to a person
12 employed or engaged by a school board to provide security for a school in the school
13 board's school administrative unit under section 1005.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill allows a school board to employ or engage by contract a school resource
16 officer, private contractor or volunteer with applicable background and experience to
17 provide armed security at a school within the school board's school administrative unit.