



## **131st MAINE LEGISLATURE**

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H.P. 364

House of Representatives, February 9, 2023

An Act to Increase the Number of Hours Certain Minor Students May Work Under Certain Circumstances

Reference to the Committee on Labor and Housing suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative COSTAIN of Plymouth. Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, MORRIS of Turner, QUINT of Hodgdon, SAMPSON of Alfred, Senator: GUERIN of Penobscot.

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 174, §1, is further
  amended to read:

4 B. More than 24 hours in any week when the minor's school is in session, except that 5 a minor may work up to 32 hours when the minor's school is in session if the minor participates in an equivalent instruction program as described in Title 20-A, chapter 6 211, subchapter 1-A, the minor is enrolled in a home instruction program as described 7 8 in Title 20-A, section 5001-A, subsection 3 or the minor is absent from school for more 9 than 2 days in any school week due to an alternative schedule approved by a school administrative unit superintendent. In addition, the maximum weekly hours a minor 10 may work is 50 hours during any week that the approved school calendar for the minor's 11 school is less than 3 days or during the first or last week of the school calendar, 12 regardless of how many days the minor's school is in session for the week. If requested, 13 a school must provide verification of its closings to the minor's employer or the 14 Department of Labor; 15

SUMMARY
 This bill allows a minor 16 years of age or older and under 18 years of age enrolled in
 school to work up to 32 hours per week if the minor participates in an equivalent instruction
 program or home instruction program or is absent from school for more than 2 days in any
 given school week due to an alternative schedule approved by a school administrative unit
 superintendent.