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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 408, L D 631, "An Act to Change the Notification Law for School Truancy"

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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following.

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5051-A, sub-§2, ¶C-1 is enacted to read

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C-1 Notwithstanding paragraph C, a superintendent may make 2 documented attempts to serve or cause to be served upon a parent the written notice and may serve or cause to be served or attempt to serve or cause to be served upon a parent the written notice by certified mail instead of registered mail.

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This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2025

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Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5051-A, sub-§2, ¶D-1 is enacted to read

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D-1 Prior to notifying the local law enforcement department under paragraph E-1, the superintendent shall schedule at least one meeting as required under paragraph B-1 and may invite a local prosecutor

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This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2025

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Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §5051-A, sub-§2, ¶E-1 is enacted to read

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E-1 If, after 3 school days after the 2nd attempted service of the notice referred to in paragraph C-1, the student remains truant and the parent and student refuse to attend the meeting scheduled according to paragraph D-1, the superintendent shall report the facts of the unlawful absence to the local law enforcement department, which may proceed with an action to enforce section 5053-A against the parent unless the student is at once placed in an appropriate school or otherwise meets the requirements under section 5001-A.

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This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2025

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Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the unanimous report of the committee, replaces the bill and provides that a superintendent may make 2 documented attempts to serve or cause to be served on a parent the written notice that attendance of the parent's child at school is required by law and provides that that notice may be served by registered or certified mail