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H.P. 756

House of Representatives, March 14, 2023

**An Act to Require Public Schools to Allow Parents and Guardians
to Opt Out Their Children with Respect to Portions of the
Curriculum**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative CARLOW of Buxton.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BLIER of Buxton, DRINKWATER of Milford, LYMAN of
Livermore Falls, POMERLEAU of Standish.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4710-C** is enacted to read:

3 **§4710-C. Parental rights regarding removing child from class**

4 **1. Removal from class or activity.** A parent is entitled to remove the parent's child
5 temporarily from an elementary or secondary school class or other school activity if the
6 parent considers that the class or school activity espouses, promotes, advances or compels
7 the parent's child to adopt a viewpoint that conflicts with the viewpoint of the parent. A
8 parent temporarily removing a child from a class or other school activity under this
9 subsection shall deliver to the teacher of the parent's child a written statement authorizing
10 the removal of the child from the class or other school activity. A parent is not entitled to
11 remove the parent's child from a class or other school activity to avoid a test or to prevent
12 the child from taking a subject for an entire semester.

13 **2. Alternate class or school activity.** If a child is temporarily removed from a class
14 or other school activity under subsection 1, the school may require the child to attend an
15 alternate class or school activity.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill allows a parent or guardian to remove the parent's or guardian's child
18 temporarily from a class or other school activity if the parent or guardian considers that the
19 class or school activity espouses, promotes, advances or compels the parent's or guardian's
20 child to adopt a viewpoint that conflicts with the viewpoint of the parent or guardian.