

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, March 23, 2023

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**An Act to Require Instruction in Schools on Substance Abuse  
Prevention and Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative LaROCHELLE of Augusta and  
Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representative: Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6607** is enacted to read:

3 **§6607. Required instructional program on substance abuse prevention and providing**  
4 **assistance**

5 Annually, a secondary school shall provide to students in each grade an age-appropriate  
6 instructional program on the use and misuse of drugs and controlled substances, the dangers  
7 of substance abuse and substance abuse prevention. The instructional program must  
8 include a component on providing appropriate assistance to an overdose victim, including  
9 information on recognizing the signs of an opioid overdose, the importance of calling 911  
10 for assistance and training in how to administer an opioid antidote, such as naloxone  
11 hydrochloride, to an overdose victim in an emergency.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires secondary schools to annually provide to students an age-appropriate  
14 instructional program on the use and misuse of drugs and controlled substances, the dangers  
15 of substance abuse and substance abuse prevention. The instructional program must  
16 include a component on providing appropriate assistance to an overdose victim, including  
17 training in how to administer an opioid antidote, such as naloxone hydrochloride.