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**History and Final Disposition**

LD 1854 / HP1372

Original Title: An Act To Expand Educational Opportunities for Maine Students. New Title: Resolve, To Require the Department of Education To Convene a Stakeholder Group To Recommend Changes to the Department of Education's Proposed School Choice Model. Presented by Representative JOHNSON of Greenville. Referred to Jt. Standing Comm. on Education and Cultural Affairs. Public Hearing 03/15/12. Majority (Ought to Pass as Amended) Accepted 04/09/12. Amended by: CA (Changed Title) H-885, HB/CA H-901. Final Disposition: Enacted, Neither Signed nor Vetoed 04/23/12, PUBLIC LAWS, Chapter 651.

**Original Bill**

[LD 1854 \(125th Legis. 2012\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Bill and Enacted Law**

[LD 1854 / PL 2011, c. 651](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

- (Available on request—please include the following citation: cf125-LD-1854.pdf)

**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(H-885\) \(LD 1854 2012\) \(Majority\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment CB \(H-886\) \(LD 1854 2012\) \(Minority\)](#)

[Amendment HA/CA \(H-899\) \(LD 1854 2012\)](#)

[Amendment HB/CA \(H-901\) \(LD 1854 2012\) \(Passed\)](#)

[Amendment SA/CA \(S-521\) \(LD 1854 2012\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, March 8, 2012 \(H1222-1234\)](#)

- p. H-1222

[SENATE, March 12, 2012 \(S1813-1824\)](#)

- p. S-1813

[HOUSE, April 4, 2012 \(H1391-1413\)](#)

- p. H-1393 (Amendment(s) H-885)

[HOUSE, April 5, 2012 \(H1414-1435\)](#)

- p. H-1422 (Amendment(s) H-885, H-886, H-901)

[SENATE, April 9, 2012 \(S2147-2172\)](#)

- p. S-2152 (Amendment(s) H-885, H-886 (p 2153), H-901 (p 2153))

[HOUSE, April 10, 2012 \(H1461-1472\)](#)

- p. H-1465 (Amendment(s) H-885, H-901)

[SENATE, April 10, 2012 \(S2173-2196\)](#)

- p. S-2188 (Amendment(s) H-885, H-901)

**Enacted Law or Resolve**

[PL 2011, c. 651](#)

**News Articles**

- LePage reveals schools' plans (Rhoda, Erin) (Kennebec Journal, 2/9/2012, p. A1, A3) ●  
(Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1854/K1202040.pdf)
- Educators react to governor's plan (LaFlamme, Mark) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 2/10/2012, p. A1, A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1854/D1202037.pdf)
- Portland sees cost in LePage's school proposal (Bell, Tom) (Portland Press Herald, 2/18/2012, p. C1, C4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1854/P1202035.pdf)
- It all begins with education' (LePage, Paul) (Village Soup Gazette, 2/23/2012, p. B5) ●  
(Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1854/V1202007.pdf)
- School choice part of bill has potential flaws (Kennebec Journal, 2/26/2012, p. A7) ●  
(Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1854/K1202076.pdf)
- School choice bills risk widening quality gap (Bangor Daily News, 3/14/2012, p. A4) ●  
(Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1854/B1203124.pdf)
- LePage school choice proposals divisive (McMillan, Susan) (Kennebec Journal, 3/16/2012, p. A7) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1854/K1203033.pdf)
- Testimony divided on LePage education bills (Mistler, Steve) (Sun-Journal (Lewiston), 3/16/2012, p. A3) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1854/D1203065.pdf)
- Education bills would help schools compete for 'customers' (Reisert, Joseph R.) (Kennebec Journal, 3/23/2012, p. A6) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1854/K1203041.pdf)
- Senate joins House in rejection of religious school funding bill (Russell, Eric) (Bangor Daily News, 3/31/2012, p. B8) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 125/LD18xx/nc125-ld-1854/B1203172.pdf)

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