An Act To Provide Reasonable Accommodations for School Attendance for Children with Disabilities for Whom Medical Marijuana Has Been Recommended

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

Presented by Representative SANDERSON of Chelsea.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§9-E is enacted to read:

9-E. Possession of medical marijuana by parent or guardian. A school board may not prohibit the possession on school grounds of medical marijuana in a nonsmokeable form by the parent or guardian of a child with a disability for whom medical marijuana has been recommended by the child's health care provider as a reasonable accommodation necessary for that child to attend events held on school grounds.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §7201, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Eligibility to attend school. Eligibility for a child with a disability to attend school may not be denied solely because the child requires medical marijuana in a nonsmokeable form, recommended by the child's health care provider, as a reasonable accommodation necessary for the child to attend school.

SUMMARY

This bill:

1. Provides that a school board may not prohibit the possession on school grounds of medical marijuana in a nonsmokeable form by the parent or guardian of a child with a disability for whom medical marijuana has been recommended by the child's health care provider as a reasonable accommodation necessary for that child to attend events held on school grounds; and

2. Provides that a child with a disability may not be denied eligibility to attend school solely because the child requires medical marijuana in a nonsmokeable form as a reasonable accommodation necessary for the child to attend school.