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An Act Regarding Behavioral Health Support for Students in Public Schools

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT

Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, MURPHY of Scarborough, SARGENT of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15672, sub-§1-E** is enacted to read:

3 **1-E. Clinical mental health provider.** "Clinical mental health provider" means a
4 licensed clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional counselor, licensed alcohol
5 and drug counselor or licensed pastoral counselor.

6 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15672, sub-§27-A** is enacted to read:

7 **27-A. School counselor.** "School counselor" has the same meaning as in section 4008,
8 subsection 1, paragraph B.

9 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §15679, sub-§2, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C,
10 §33, is further amended to read:

11 A. For the elementary school level and the middle school level:

12 (1) Beginning July 1, 2017, the student-to-education technician ratio is 114:1 for
13 the elementary school level and 312:1 for the middle school level;

14 (2) The student-to-guidance staff ratio is 350:1;

15 (3) The student-to-librarian ratio is 800:1;

16 (4) The student-to-media assistant ratio is 500:1;

17 (5) The student-to-health staff ratio is 800:1;

18 (6) The student-to-school administrative staff ratio is 305:1; ~~and~~

19 (7) The student-to-clerical staff ratio is 200:1;

20 (8) Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, the student-to-clinical mental health
21 provider ratio is 350:1 and beginning in the 2028-2029 school year, the
22 student-to-clinical mental health provider ratio is 250:1; and

23 (9) Beginning in the 2028-2029 school year, the student-to-school counselor ratio
24 is 250:1.

25 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §15679, sub-§2, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C,
26 §33, is further amended to read:

27 B. For the high school level:

28 (1) Beginning July 1, 2017, the student-to-education technician ratio is 316:1;

29 (2) The student-to-guidance staff ratio is 250:1;

30 (3) The student-to-librarian ratio is 800:1;

31 (4) The student-to-media assistant ratio is 500:1;

32 (5) The student-to-health staff ratio is 800:1;

33 (6) The student-to-school administrative staff ratio is 315:1; ~~and~~

34 (7) The student-to-clerical staff ratio is 200:1;

35 (8) Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, the student-to-clinical mental health
36 provider ratio is 350:1 and beginning in the 2028-2029 school year, the
37 student-to-clinical mental health provider ratio is 250:1; and

