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**An Act to Recognize an Association of Early Childhood Educators
as an Educational Advisory Organization**

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

Robert B. Hunt
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Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLAMORE of Pittsfield.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5724, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 75, §3, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **9. Advisory organizations.** Obtain the services of educational advisory organizations.
5 The Legislature recognizes the Maine School Management Association and the Maine
6 School Boards Association as nonprofit advisory organizations and declares these
7 associations to be instrumentalities of their member school administrative units, municipal
8 and quasi-municipal corporations with their assets upon their dissolution to be delivered to
9 the Treasurer of State to be held in custody for the municipalities of the State. The
10 Legislature recognizes the Maine Association for the Education of Young Children as a
11 nonprofit advisory organization and declares this association to be an instrumentality of its
12 member-licensed child care programs. An educational advisory organization may receive
13 federal and state grants or contributions for their activities with respect to the solution of
14 local problems.

15 A municipality may provide health or remedial services to nonpublic school pupils as
16 authorized by this section only if those services are available to pupils attending the public
17 school serving the municipality.

18 Health and remedial services and instructional materials and equipment provided for the
19 benefit of nonpublic school pupils under this section and the admission of pupils to the
20 nonpublic schools must be provided without distinction as to race, creed, color, the national
21 origin of the pupils or of their teachers. No instructional materials or instructional
22 equipment may be loaned to pupils in nonpublic schools or their parents unless similar
23 instructional material or instructional equipment is available for pupils in a public school
24 served by a municipality.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill provides that the Legislature recognizes the Maine Association for the
27 Education of Young Children as a nonprofit advisory organization and declares this
28 association to be an instrumentality of its member-licensed child care programs. It also
29 provides that an educational advisory organization may receive state grants or contributions
30 for its activities with respect to the solution of local problems.