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House of Representatives, April 27, 2023

**An Act to Amend the Definition of "Educational Institution" Under  
the Maine Human Rights Act to Include Single-sex Educational  
Institutions**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 393, §4, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **2-A. Educational institution.** "Educational institution" means any public school or  
5 educational program, any public ~~post-secondary~~ postsecondary institution, any private  
6 school or educational program approved for tuition purposes ~~if both male and female~~  
7 ~~students are admitted~~ and the governing body of each such school or program. ~~For purposes~~  
8 ~~related to disability-related discrimination,~~ "educational institution" also means any private  
9 ~~school or educational program approved for tuition purposes.~~

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill amends the definition of "educational institution" under the Maine Human  
12 Rights Act to provide that single-sex public schools and educational programs, public  
13 postsecondary institutions and private schools and educational programs and the governing  
14 bodies of these schools and programs are subject to the Act.