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An Act to Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools

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

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DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative MURPHY of Scarborough and Senators: BRENNER of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of York, LAWRENCE of York, RENY of Lincoln, Representatives: CROCKETT of Portland, RIELLY of Westbrook, ROEDER of Bangor, SALISBURY of Westbrook.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:
<u>2-B.</u> Start time. Beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, a school administrative unit shall ensure that a secondary school in the unit does not start a school day before 8:30 a.m.
SUMMARY
This bill requires that, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, each school administrative unit ensure that its secondary schools' school days start no earlier than 8:30