

## **129th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

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An Act To Strengthen Maritime Education by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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 Senator HERBIG of Waldo.

Cosponsored by Representative CUDDY of Winterport and Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, LUCHINI of Hancock, VITELLI of Sagadahoc, Representatives: FARNSWORTH of Portland, FECTEAU of Biddeford, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, INGWERSEN of Arundel, MATLACK of St. George.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows: 2 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8232, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 363, §4, is 3 amended to read: 4 The school is established as a public, residential school located in the Town of 5 Searsport and the following provisions apply. Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8232, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §13, 6 7 is further amended to read: 2. Tuition; room and board; funding. Students A student from this State may 8 9 attend the school free of tuition charges. Additional funding for students from this State 10 may be provided within amounts appropriated for that purpose as follows. 11 A. State funding for the school must be provided using the method established for public charter schools that are authorized by the commission in accordance with the 12 funding provisions established in section 2413-A and section 15683-B. To be 13 14 eligible for state funding under this paragraph, a student must have resided in Maine 15 with a parent, other relative or guardian for at least 6 months immediately preceding application to the school. 16 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §8235, sub-§16, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 363, §4, is 17 18 amended to read: 19 **16.** Report. To report annually to the Governor, the joint standing committee of the 20 Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and the joint standing committee 21 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs on the 22 results of the assessment in subsection 15 and the general status of the school and to provide a financial audit of the school conducted by an independent auditor. The report 23 under this subsection must include, at a minimum, assessments for: 24 25 A. Student academic proficiency; B. Student academic growth; 26 C. Achievement gaps in both proficiency and growth between major student 27 subgroups; 28 29 D. Attendance; E. Recurrent enrollment from year to year; 30 F. Postsecondary readiness; 31 G. Financial performance and sustainability; 32 H. Board of trustees performance and stewardship; and 33 I. Parent and community engagement; 34 Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §8238, as amended by PL 2019, c. 531, §1, is further 35 amended to read: 36

1 §8238. Implementation; limited authorization

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The school may implement the plan established for the statewide education programs pursuant to section 8236, subsection 2 <del>during the 2017-2018 school year</del>.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all powers, duties and authority of the school under this chapter and under any other law terminate 90 days after the adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 129th 131st Legislature.

**SUMMARY** 

8 This bill amends the provision of law terminating the Maine School for Marine 9 Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering 90 days after adjournment of the 10 Second Regular Session of the 129th Legislature to provide that the school is terminated 11 90 days after adjournment of the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. It also 12 removes references to residential students and amends reporting requirements for the 13 school by incorporating reporting requirements similar to those of charter schools.