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In Senate, April 30, 2025

An Act to Expand Law Education and Training by Creating a Night Law School Program

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 BALDACCI of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: BAILEY of York, RAFFERTY of York.

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

Sec. 1. University of Maine System and University of Maine School of Law to establish night school law program in Orono. By the beginning of the 2028-2029 academic year, the University of Maine System in collaboration with the University of Maine School of Law shall establish at the University of Maine at Orono a juris doctor program that allows a student enrolled in the program to fulfill the degree requirements for a juris doctor primarily by attending classes at night through online course work with periodic in-person instruction. By November 4, 2026, the University of Maine System shall submit a report related to the establishment of the night school law program to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the University of Maine System in collaboration with the University of Maine School of Law to establish at the University of Maine at Orono a juris doctor program that allows a student enrolled in the program to fulfill the degree requirements for a juris doctor primarily by attending classes at night through online course work with periodic in-person instruction. By November 4, 2026, the University of Maine System must submit a report related to the establishment of the program to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.