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House of Representatives, February 9, 2023

An Act to Require School Board Approval of Superintendent Rules and Administrative Procedures

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ANDREWS of Paris.
Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and
Representatives: ADAMS of Lebanon, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, GREENWOOD
of Wales, HAGGAN of Hampden, SAMPSON of Alfred.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§1-A,** as enacted by PL 2001, c. 588, §4, is
3 amended to read:

4 **1-A. Adoption of policies.** They shall adopt policies that govern the school
5 administrative units and approve administrative procedures or rules established by the
6 superintendent to implement policies under section 1055, subsection 13.

7 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1055, sub-§13** is enacted to read:

8 **13. Administrative procedures or rules.** Upon the adoption of a new policy by the
9 school board, the superintendent shall establish administrative procedures or rules, as
10 appropriate, to implement the school board policy and submit the administrative procedures
11 or rules to the school board for approval. No later than 7 days before the vote for approval
12 by the school board, the superintendent shall arrange for notice of the proposed
13 administrative procedures or rules in a newspaper having general circulation in the area of
14 the school administrative unit and publish the administrative procedures or rules on the
15 school administrative unit's publicly accessible website. The administrative procedures or
16 rules may not become effective without the approval of the school board.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill requires school superintendents to establish administrative procedures or rules
19 to implement school board policies. The proposed administrative procedures or rules must
20 be published in a local newspaper and published on a school administrative unit's publicly
21 accessible website at least 7 days prior to the school board vote on the administrative
22 procedures or rules. The administrative procedures or rules may not become effective
23 without the approval of the school board.