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An Act To Promote Healthy School Lighting

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15919 is enacted to read:

§ 15919. School lighting

For all new or replacement classroom lighting, a public school shall install and maintain lighting that meets color rendition standards adopted by rule by the department. Standards adopted by the department must ensure that the lighting has a color rendering index value of 90 or higher as determined in accordance with procedures and standards established by the International Commission on Illumination or as verified by the United States Department of Energy. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill requires all public schools to install and maintain, for all new or replacement classroom lighting, lighting that meets color rendition standards adopted by rule by the Department of Education. Standards adopted by the department must ensure that the lighting has a color rendering index value of 90 or higher as determined in accordance with procedures and standards established by the International Commission on Illumination or as verified by the United States Department of Energy.