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An Act To Direct the Commissioner of Education To Develop a Model Policy Regarding Substance Abuse Education in Maine Schools

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6605, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Model policy; substance abuse prevention. No later than July 1, 2017, the commissioner, in consultation with organizations that have expertise in substance abuse prevention education, shall develop a model policy for substance abuse prevention education based on nationally recognized best practices that:

A. Uses an evidence-based curriculum to provide first-hand accounts of problems with substance abuse through the use of volunteers and other presenters; and

B. Is available to students in grades 6 to 12 in public schools and approved private schools.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with organizations that have expertise in substance abuse prevention education, to develop a model policy for substance abuse prevention education that is available to students in grades 6 to 12.