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An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Schools

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2901, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2015, c. 40, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Accreditation or approval requirements. Is either:

A. A private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls at least 60% publicly funded students that is currently accredited by a commission on independent schools of a New England association of schools and colleges in fulfillment of its standards of accreditation and indicators and that also meets the applicable requirements of the system of learning results established in section 6209; ~~or~~

B. ~~Meets~~A private school that meets applicable requirements of this Title pertaining to private schools and the department's requirements for approval for attendance purposes adopted under section 2902.; ~~or~~

C. A private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls fewer than 60% publicly funded students that is currently accredited by a commission on independent schools of a New England association of schools and colleges in fulfillment of its standards of accreditation and indicators.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a private school that enrolls fewer than 60% publicly funded students to operate as an approved private school if it is accredited by a commission on independent schools of a New England association of schools and colleges; in current law, such a private school is subject to the Department of Education's basic school approval process.