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## **An Act To Allow the Creation of New Innovative School Models by Removing the Cap on the Number of Authorized Charter Schools**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2405, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. XXXXX, §1, is further amended to read:

**9. Transition period.** The public charter school program set out in this chapter must begin with a 10-year transition period, beginning on the effective date of this chapter. During the transition period, the commissioner shall register the charters approved by all authorizers in chronological order by date of approval under this chapter. ~~During the transition period, no more than 10 public charter schools approved by the commission may operate at any time. Any time the cap is reached, the commissioner may not accept further registrations from the commission and only local school boards and collaboratives of local school boards may approve charters until the end of the transition period.~~

This subsection is repealed July 1, 2022.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill removes the cap on the number of charter schools the Maine Charter School Commission may authorize.