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An Act Concerning Models for Teacher and Principal Evaluations

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and
Representatives: JOHNSON of Greenville, LOVEJOY of Portland, NELSON of Falmouth,
RICHARDSON of Carmel, Senators: COURTNEY of York, LANGLEY of Hancock,
President RAYE of Washington, WOODBURY of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13802, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2009, c. 646, §2, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **2. Use of models.** Each school administrative unit within the State may select and
5 incorporate one or more of the models developed pursuant to subsection 1 for the
6 evaluation of the professional performance of a teacher or principal employed by that
7 school administrative unit. ~~If a school administrative unit wants to include student~~
8 ~~assessments as part of teacher evaluations, that school administrative unit must use one of~~
9 ~~the models developed pursuant to subsection 1.~~ Nothing in this section prevents a school
10 administrative unit from developing and adopting its own models for teacher and
11 principal evaluation.

12 **Sec. 2. PL 2009, c. 646, §3** is amended to read:

13 **Sec. 3. Review of models.** The Commissioner of Education shall convene a
14 stakeholder group to review the models developed by the Department of Education
15 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13802 for the evaluation of
16 the professional performance of teachers and principals who are employed by a school
17 administrative unit within the State. The Commissioner of Education, or the
18 commissioner's designee, shall serve as a member of the stakeholder group. The
19 commissioner shall invite representatives of the following educational associations that
20 are appointed by their respective associations to serve as members of the stakeholder
21 group:

- 22 1. The Maine Education Association;
- 23 2. The Maine Principals' Association;
- 24 3. The Maine School Boards Association;
- 25 4. The Maine School Superintendents Association; and
- 26 5. The Maine Administrators of Services for Children with Disabilities.

27 The stakeholder group shall review the models developed by the Department of
28 Education for the evaluation of the professional performance of teachers and principals
29 and shall approve models no later than July 1, 2011. The Department of Education may
30 not finally adopt a model that is not approved by the stakeholder group pursuant to this
31 section.

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill provides that the laws that require the Department of Education to establish
34 models for the evaluation of the professional performance of teachers and principals do
35 not prevent a school administrative unit from developing and adopting its own models for
36 teacher and principal evaluation. It also provides that the stakeholder group convened by
37 the Commissioner of Education to review models for the evaluation of the professional

1 performance of teachers and principals is charged with reviewing only those models
2 established by the Department of Education.