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**An Act To Permit a School Administrative Unit Discretion  
Concerning Participation of Students from Charter Schools in  
School Extracurricular and Interscholastic Activities**

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MOONEN of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and  
Representative: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §2415, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 414, §5, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **2. Access to extracurricular and interscholastic activities.** A public charter  
5 school is eligible for state-sponsored ~~or school administrative unit sponsored~~  
6 interscholastic leagues, competitions, awards, scholarships and recognition programs for  
7 students, educators, administrators and schools to the same extent as are noncharter  
8 public schools. ~~A~~ If a public charter school applies for and receives written approval from  
9 the superintendent of the school administrative unit or the superintendent's designee, who  
10 may withhold such approval, the public charter school is eligible for school  
11 administrative unit-sponsored interscholastic leagues, competitions, awards, scholarships  
12 and recognition programs for students, educators, administrators and schools to the same  
13 extent as are noncharter public schools. ~~If a public charter school student applies for and~~  
14 ~~receives written approval from the superintendent of the school administrative unit of the~~  
15 ~~noncharter public school or the superintendent's designee, who may withhold such~~  
16 ~~approval, the public charter school student is eligible to participate in extracurricular~~  
17 ~~activities not offered by the student's public charter school at the noncharter public school~~  
18 ~~within the attendance boundaries of which the student's custodial parent or legal guardian~~  
19 ~~resides or the noncharter public school from which the student withdrew for the purpose~~  
20 ~~of attending a public charter school.~~ ~~A~~ If a public charter school student is allowed to  
21 participate in the noncharter public school's extracurricular activities, the public charter  
22 school student is eligible for extracurricular activities at a ~~the~~ noncharter public school  
23 subject to eligibility standards applied to full-time students of the noncharter public  
24 school. A school administrative unit or noncharter public school may not impose  
25 additional requirements on a public charter school student to participate in extracurricular  
26 activities that are not imposed on full-time students of the noncharter public school.  
27 Public charter school students shall ~~must~~ pay the same fees as other students to participate  
28 in extracurricular or cocurricular activities. For each public charter school student who  
29 participates in an extracurricular or cocurricular activity at a noncharter public school, the  
30 public charter school must pay a reasonable share of the noncharter public school's costs  
31 for the activity, as determined through negotiations between the schools involved.

32 **SUMMARY**

33 This bill allows a public charter school, at the discretion of the superintendent of the  
34 school administrative unit, to participate in school administrative unit-sponsored  
35 interscholastic and other activities and, at the discretion of the superintendent, a student  
36 of the public charter school to participate in a school's extracurricular activities.