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House of Representatives, March 30, 2017

An Act To Ensure That Charter School Students Have Access to Extracurricular Activities

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative POULIOT of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox, Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and
Representatives: GINZLER of Bridgton, TURNER of Burlington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRS §2415, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 601, §1, is
3 repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRS §2415, sub-§2-A** is enacted to read:

5 **2-A. Participation in extracurricular activities.** A school administrative unit shall
6 conform to the following standards in making public school resources and services
7 available to a student enrolled in a public charter school who is otherwise eligible to
8 attend school in that school administrative unit, including a student who resides in the
9 unorganized territory. A student enrolled in a public charter school is eligible to try out
10 for extracurricular activities sponsored by the local school administrative unit, as long as
11 the student applies in writing, if the following requirements are satisfied.

12 A. The student agrees to abide by equivalent rules of participation as are applicable
13 to regularly enrolled students participating in the activity and provides evidence that
14 the student is meeting the rules of participation.

15 B. The student complies with the same physical examination, immunization,
16 insurance, age and semester eligibility requirements as regularly enrolled students
17 participating in the activity. All required documentation must be made available
18 upon request by the school administrative unit.

19 C. The student meets equivalent academic standards as those established for
20 regularly enrolled students participating in the activity and provides evidence that the
21 student is meeting the academic standards.

22 D. The student abides by the same transportation policy as regularly enrolled
23 students participating in the activity.

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This bill provides students enrolled in a public charter school with the same access to
26 extracurricular activities as students receiving homeschool instruction.