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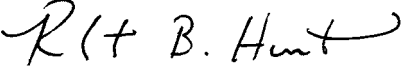
H.P. 982

House of Representatives, April 5, 2023

### An Act to Promote the Community School Program

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

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator INGWERSEN of York and  
Representatives: DODGE of Belfast, GATTINE of Westbrook, GRAMLICH of Old Orchard  
Beach, MALON of Biddeford, PERRY of Calais, SARGENT of York, SHAGOURY of  
Hallowell, Senator: RAFFERTY of York.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Community school application, procedures and criteria.** By October  
3 1, 2023, the Department of Education shall develop an application process, procedures and  
4 criteria for implementing the requirements for designation of community schools pursuant  
5 to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 333. The department shall adopt rules  
6 to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules  
7 as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

8 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
9 allocations are made.

10 **EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

11 **General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308**

12 Initiative: Provides additional one-time funding for grants to public elementary and  
13 secondary schools to expand the community school program pursuant to the Maine Revised  
14 Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 333.

15 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
16 All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
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18 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

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**SUMMARY**

20 This bill requires the Department of Education to develop an application process,  
21 procedures and criteria for implementing the requirements for designation of community  
22 schools pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 333. It also provides  
23 additional one-time funding of \$2,000,000 in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 to expand  
24 the community school program.