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House of Representatives, November 30, 2011

**An Act To Update the Laws Concerning the Maine School of
Science and Mathematics**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on November 28, 2011. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative AYOTTE of Caswell.
Cosponsored by Senator JACKSON of Aroostook and
Representatives: EDGECOMB of Caribou, WILLETTE of Mapleton, WILLETTE of Presque
Isle, Senator: SHERMAN of Aroostook.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8201**, as amended by PL 1995, c. 485, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **§8201. School established**

5 The Maine School of Science and Mathematics is established as a public, ~~chartered~~
6 magnet school pursuant to this chapter for the purpose of providing certain high-
7 achieving high school students with a challenging educational experience. The school is
8 a body politic and corporate and is an instrumentality and agency of the State. The
9 exercise by the school of the powers conferred by this chapter is the performance of an
10 essential public function by and on behalf of the State.

11 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8203, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 706, Pt. A, §4, is
12 amended to read:

13 **2. Magnet school.** "~~Chartered~~ Magnet school" means that the school may establish
14 rules and regulations that delete, modify or add to current rules and regulations of the
15 department.

16 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §8204, sub-§1, ¶J**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 706, Pt. A, §4,
17 is amended to read:

18 J. The ~~superintendent~~ executive director of the school, who serves as the clerk of the
19 board of trustees and is a nonvoting member.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill updates the laws concerning the Maine School of Science and Mathematics
22 to change the designation of the school from a chartered school to a magnet school and
23 changes the title of "superintendent" of the school to "executive director" to avoid
24 confusion with other statutory terms.