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In Senate, January 29, 2019

**An Act To Allow the Creation of New Innovative School Models by
Removing the Cap on the Number of Authorized Charter Schools**

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator POULIOT of Kennebec.
Cosponsored by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford and
Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, DOW of Lincoln, GUERIN of Penobscot, MIRAMANT of
Knox, TIMBERLAKE of Androscoggin.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2405, sub-§9**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt.
3 XXXXX, §1, is further amended to read:

4 **9. Transition period.** The public charter school program set out in this chapter must
5 begin with a 10-year transition period, beginning on the effective date of this chapter.
6 During the transition period, the commissioner shall register the charters approved by all
7 authorizers in chronological order by date of approval under this chapter. ~~During the~~
8 ~~transition period, no more than 10 public charter schools approved by the commission~~
9 ~~may operate at any time. Any time the cap is reached, the commissioner may not accept~~
10 ~~further registrations from the commission and only local school boards and collaboratives~~
11 ~~of local school boards may approve charters until the end of the transition period.~~

12 This subsection is repealed July 1, 2022.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill removes the cap on the number of charter schools the Maine Charter School
15 Commission may authorize.