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An Act to Require Instruction in Schools on Substance Abuse Prevention and Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride

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 LaROCHELLE of Augusta and
Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representative: Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6607** is enacted to read:

3 **§6607. Required instructional program on substance abuse prevention and providing**
4 **assistance**

5 Annually, a secondary school shall provide to students in each grade an age-appropriate
6 instructional program on the use and misuse of drugs and controlled substances, the dangers
7 of substance abuse and substance abuse prevention. The instructional program must
8 include a component on providing appropriate assistance to an overdose victim, including
9 information on recognizing the signs of an opioid overdose, the importance of calling 911
10 for assistance and training in how to administer an opioid antidote, such as naloxone
11 hydrochloride, to an overdose victim in an emergency.

12 **SUMMARY**

13 This bill requires secondary schools to annually provide to students an age-appropriate
14 instructional program on the use and misuse of drugs and controlled substances, the dangers
15 of substance abuse and substance abuse prevention. The instructional program must
16 include a component on providing appropriate assistance to an overdose victim, including
17 training in how to administer an opioid antidote, such as naloxone hydrochloride.