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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to H.P. 565, L.D. 785, Bill, "An Act To Improve Safety and Traffic Efficiency near School Grounds"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2091-A is enacted to read:

§2091-A. School crossing guards

1. Qualifications. A school crossing guard is qualified to direct traffic if the school crossing guard:

- A. Is 18 years of age or older;
B. Is under the control of a local law enforcement agency;
C. Has completed training approved by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards in controlling traffic on a public way and as described by section 2091, subsection 2 to perform any traffic direction duties to which the school crossing guard is assigned as prescribed by the local law enforcement agency that has control over the school crossing guard;
D. Is wearing an appropriate uniform as specified by the local law enforcement agency that has control over the school crossing guard; and
E. Is directing traffic in an intersection with a marked crosswalk on a public way.

2. Obeying school crossing guards. An operator of a motor vehicle shall obey a hand signal or handheld traffic control device of a school crossing guard qualified under subsection 1. A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction.

3. Assisting pedestrians. This section does not prohibit a school crossing guard who does not meet the specifications described in subsection 1 from assisting a pedestrian to cross a public way, as long as the school crossing guard does not attempt to do so by directing traffic.

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