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H.P. 231

House of Representatives, January 22, 2019

An Act To Limit the Number of Charter Schools in Maine

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BRENNAN of Portland.
Cosponsored by Senator VITELLI of Sagadahoc and
Representatives: CRAVEN of Lewiston, FARNSWORTH of Portland, GRAMLICH of Old
Orchard Beach, KORNFIELD of Bangor, McCREA of Fort Fairfield, PERRY of Calais,
RECKITT of South Portland, Senator: CHIPMAN of Cumberland.

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3 XXXXX, §1, is repealed.

4 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §2405, sub-§10** is enacted to read:

5 **10. Limit on number of public charter schools approved by the commission.** No
6 more than 10 public charter schools approved by the commission may operate at any
7 time. Any time the cap is reached, the commissioner may not accept further registrations
8 from the commission and only local school boards and collaboratives of local school
9 boards may approve charters.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 Under current law, the number of public charter schools approved by the Maine
12 Charter School Commission that may operate at any time is capped at 10 until July 1,
13 2022. This bill makes that cap permanent.