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H.P. 1084

House of Representatives, February 18, 2016

An Act To Direct the Commissioner of Education To Develop a Model Policy Regarding Substance Abuse Education in Maine Schools

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

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

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ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative McCABE of Skowhegan. Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and Representatives: KORNFIELD of Bangor, MAKER of Calais, NADEAU of Winslow, PIERCE of Falmouth, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, TUELL of East Machias, Senators: CYRWAY of Kennebec, MILLETT of Cumberland.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6605, sub-§5 is enacted to read:
3 4 5 6	5. Model policy; substance abuse prevention. No later than July 1, 2017, the commissioner, in consultation with organizations that have expertise in substance abuse prevention education, shall develop a model policy for substance abuse prevention education based on nationally recognized best practices that:
7 8 9 10	<ul> <li><u>A.</u> Uses an evidence-based curriculum to provide first-hand accounts of problems with substance abuse through the use of volunteers and other presenters; and</li> <li><u>B.</u> Is available to students in grades 6 to 12 in public schools and approved private schools.</li> </ul>
11	SUMMARY
12 13 14	This bill requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with organizations that have expertise in substance abuse prevention education, to develop a model policy for substance abuse prevention education that is available to students in grades 6 to 12.