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Ought not to pass.

As a Maine educator, this bill places an unnecessary burden on schools and will severely limit the amount of high quality professional development (PD) available to our staff. Items that are especially concerning:

- The requirement to video tape and audio record all PD,
- The requirement to open PD offerings up to the general public, and
- The requirement to receive Board approval for PD offerings

These requirements are not reasonable or practical to be responsive to our student needs in a timely manner. When planning high quality PD, we are continuously looking at the students in front of us and our short and long term goals. If the goal is to provide more transparency in curriculum and PD, there are likely other, more practical, ways to achieve this.

I urge that this bill not pass.