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LD 22 An Act to Update the Laws Governing Education in the Unorganized Territory

Chair Murphy, distinguished members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, my name is Joe Rafferty and I proudly represent Senate District 34 that includes the communities of Berwick, North Berwick, Wells, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport.

I'm here today to present LD 22 on behalf of the Department of Education.

This bill amends the laws governing education in the unorganized territory as they relate to eligibility to enroll in education, compulsory attendance and truancy to be comparable to the laws governing public education in organized areas. The bill also amends the laws governing the transportation of elementary students in the unorganized territory by removing the provision that prohibits the Commissioner of Education from reimbursing parents for the transportation of a student.

I ask that you direct your questions to those representing the department.