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An Act Regarding Transportation Management Software and School Bus Replacement

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Oakland.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, CEBRA of Naples, HEAD of Bethel, KESCHL of Belgrade, NADEAU of Winslow, SKOLFIELD of Weld, STEARNS of Guilford, WHITE of Waterville.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5401, sub-§15, ¶E** is enacted to read:

3 E. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, the commissioner shall
4 approve a request submitted by a school administrative unit to replace a conventional
5 school bus or transit-style school bus if the bus has:

6 (1) At least 150,000 accumulated miles; and

7 (2) Been in operation for 10 or more years, as determined by the commissioner.

8 The commissioner shall by rule define "conventional school bus" and "transit-style
9 school bus." Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as
10 defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

11 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5401, sub-§18** is enacted to read:

12 **18. School transportation operations.** The department may not require a school
13 administrative unit to use a specific brand of routing and transportation management
14 software.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill establishes in statute the criteria for the replacement of conventional and
17 transit-style school buses through the Department of Education and prohibits the
18 department from requiring a school administrative unit to use a specific brand of routing
19 and transportation management software.