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An Act Requiring School Administrative Units To Adopt School Volunteer Policies

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

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Presented by Representative BEAULIEU of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and
Representatives: DeCHANT of Bath, FOWLE of Vassalboro, JOHNSON of Greenville,
LUCHINI of Ellsworth, MAKER of Calais, McCLELLAN of Raymond, POULIOT of
Augusta.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §254, sub-§18** is enacted to read:

3 **18. Model policy on screening and assignment of school volunteers.** By July 1,
4 2014, the commissioner, in consultation with state and local law enforcement agencies,
5 school boards and appropriate school personnel, shall develop model policies on the
6 screening and assignment of school volunteers. In developing the model policies, the
7 commissioner shall consider the following:

8 A. Appropriate screening procedures for volunteers based on the assignments of the
9 volunteers;

10 B. The use of fingerprinting or criminal history record information or both as part of
11 the screening process for volunteers;

12 C. Procedures for ensuring appropriate protection of, access to and handling of
13 confidential information about volunteers;

14 D. The appropriate supervision of volunteers; and

15 E. Duties that may be or may not be assigned to a volunteer based on the screening
16 or assignment of the volunteer or other relevant factors.

17 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§20** is enacted to read:

18 **20. Policy on screening and assignment of school volunteers.** By the beginning of
19 the 2014-2015 school year, each school board shall adopt and implement policies
20 governing the screening and assignment of school volunteers that are consistent with the
21 model policies developed by the commissioner in accordance with section 254,
22 subsection 18.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill requires each school board to adopt and implement by the beginning of the
25 2014-2015 school year policies governing the screening and assignment of school
26 volunteers. The policies must be consistent with model policies developed by the
27 Commissioner of Education. The model policies must be developed no later than July 1,
28 2014 by the commissioner in consultation with state and local law enforcement officials,
29 school boards and appropriate school personnel.