

## **128th MAINE LEGISLATURE**

## **FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2017**

Legislative Document	No. 468
H.P. 331	House of Representatives, February 9, 2017

An Act To Provide for a Later Starting Time for High Schools

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

R(+ B. Hunt

ROBERT B. HUNT Clerk

Presented by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick. Cosponsored by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland and Representatives: BATES of Westbrook, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, HYMANSON of York, PIERCE of Falmouth, POULIOT of Augusta, Senator: CHENETTE of York.

H.P. 331

- 1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
- 2 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Start time. A school administrative unit shall ensure that a secondary school in
the unit does not start a school day before 8:30 a.m. The school administrative unit shall
ensure that extracurricular activities do not start after 7:30 p.m. on an evening
immediately prior to a school day.

7 Sec. 2. School administrative units shall provide plan to Department of 8 Education. By September 1, 2018, each school administrative unit shall provide to the 9 Department of Education the unit's plan to comply with the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 4801, subsection 2-B, including a proposed calendar 10 and schedule. A failure by a school administrative unit to provide a compliance plan 11 under this section by September 1, 2018 results in a reduction of 0.01% of the state share 12 13 of funding attributable to the cost of the components of essential programs and services under Title 20-A, section 15671. If a school administrative unit fails to provide a 14 compliance plan under this section by March 1, 2019, the unit shall follow a calendar and 15 16 schedule provided by the Department of Education. A failure by a school administrative 17 unit to provide a compliance plan under this section by September 1, 2019 results in a reduction of 15% of the state share of funding attributable to the cost of the components 18 19 of essential programs and services under Title 20-A, section 15671 for each year until the 20 unit provides a compliance plan.

Sec. 3. Effective date. That section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised
Statutes, Title 20-A, section 4801, subsection 2-B takes effect September 1, 2019.

23

## SUMMARY

This bill requires that, by September 1, 2019, each school administrative unit ensure that its secondary schools' school days start no earlier than 8:30 a.m. and that extracurricular activities do not start after 7:30 p.m. on an evening immediately prior to a school day. A school administrative unit is required to provide a compliance plan. Units that do not provide a compliance plan face reductions in the state share of funding attributable to the cost of the components of essential programs and services.