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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 975, L.D. 1323, “An Act To Maximize Service to Students by Adopting Conditional Allowances for Participation by Families of School Board Members in School Activities”

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1002, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Permissive volunteer placement by school administrative unit, school union, academy. Notwithstanding subsection 2-A, a school board may, but is not required to, permit a school board member’s spouse to serve as a volunteer. A school board may adopt a written policy on nepotism to discourage favoritism and political patronage, consider the needs of the school system and provide that all volunteers have a fair and equal opportunity to be selected on merit, with priority consideration given to the best interest of students without restrictions based solely on family association.

This subsection is repealed July 1, 2024.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, strikes and replaces the bill. The amendment provides that a school board may, but is not required to, permit a school board member’s spouse to serve as a volunteer. A school board may adopt a written policy on nepotism to discourage favoritism and political patronage, consider the needs of the school system and provide that all volunteers have a fair and equal opportunity to be selected on merit, with priority consideration given to the best interest of students without restrictions based solely on family association. The amendment includes a repeal date of July 1, 2024.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT