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An Act To Modify the Student Code of Conduct

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§15, ¶G, as amended by PL 2005, c. 307, §2, is further amended to read:

G. Establish guidelines and criteria concerning the appropriate circumstances when the superintendent or the superintendent's designee may provide information to the local police or other appropriate law enforcement authorities regarding an offense that involves violence committed by any person on school grounds or other school property; and

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§15, ¶H, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 307, §3, is amended to read:

H. Establish policies and procedures to address bullying, harassment and sexual harassment; and

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§15, ¶I is enacted to read:

I. Establish policies and procedures to limit student participation in cocurricular activities for behavior that is unlawful.

Sec. 4. Development of language for student codes of conduct. To facilitate the implementation by school boards of the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1001, subsection 15, paragraph I, the Department of Education shall develop language designed to provide school units with the legal basis for controlling student participation in cocurricular activities for behavior that is unlawful. After developing the language, the department shall make the language available to school boards throughout the State.

SUMMARY

This bill requires that the student code of conduct be modified to provide school units the legal basis for controlling student participation in cocurricular activities for behavior that is unlawful, and requires the Department of Education to develop language designed to accomplish this goal and make the language available to school boards.