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Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Establish the Publicly Supported
Private High School Advisory Council**

Amend the amendment by inserting before the first indented paragraph after the title the following:

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 13-A (page 1, lines 3 to 5 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'13-A.

Education

	<u>Not</u>	<u>20-A MRSA</u>
	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>§3061</u>
<u>Publicly</u>		
<u>Supported Private</u>		
<u>High School</u>		
<u>Advisory Council</u>		

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA c. 117, sub-c. 5 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 5

PUBLICLY SUPPORTED PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

§ 3061. Publicly Supported Private High School Advisory Council

The Publicly Supported Private High School Advisory Council is established within the department to advise the commissioner and the Legislature on matters related to the development of policies concerning the education of public tuition students at publicly supported private high schools. For the purposes of this subchapter, "publicly supported private high school" means a private secondary school receiving tuition from public funds for 60% or more of its students.

1. Members. The Publicly Supported Private High School Advisory Council, established under Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 13-A and referred to in this subchapter as "the council," consists of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee and 7 members appointed by the Governor:

A. Three heads of publicly supported private high schools nominated by a statewide association representing publicly supported private high schools;

- B. A trustee of a publicly supported private high school;
- C. An elected member of a school board for a school administrative unit served by a publicly supported private high school; and
- D. Two representatives of a statewide association of public school superintendents, nominated by that association, who have at least 2 years' experience working with a publicly supported private high school.

2. Duties. The council shall:

- A. Provide advice to the commissioner regarding all rules and legislation proposed by the commissioner that refer or relate to publicly supported private high schools;
- B. Facilitate communication among publicly supported private high schools, the department and school superintendents; and
- C. Meet no less than twice each year to perform its duties.

3. Quorum. Four members of the council constitute a quorum.

4. Terms of office. Except for initial appointees and the commissioner or the commissioner's designee, each member serves for a term of 3 years or until the member's successor has been appointed. Except for the commissioner or the commissioner's designee, a member may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms. In the case of a vacancy for any reason, the Governor shall appoint a member representing the same interest to fill the unexpired term.'

Amend the amendment in section 3 in the 2nd line (page 2, line 15 in amendment) by striking out the following: "Town Academy" and inserting the following: 'Publicly Supported Private High School'

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the term "town academy" and replaces it with the term "publicly supported private high school."