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An Act To Improve Safety and Traffic Efficiency near School Grounds

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative TIPPING of Orono.
Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and
Representatives: FREY of Bangor, GUERIN of Glenburn, LYFORD of Eddington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2057-B** is enacted to read:

3 **§2057-B. School crossing guards**

4 **1. Direct traffic.** An operator of a motor vehicle shall obey a hand signal or
5 handheld traffic control device of a school crossing guard qualified under subsection 2.

6 **2. Qualifications.** A school crossing guard is qualified to direct traffic pursuant to
7 subsection 1 if the school crossing guard:

8 A. Is 18 years of age or older;

9 B. Is under the control of a local law enforcement agency or a school administrative
10 unit;

11 C. Has completed training to perform any traffic direction duties to which the school
12 crossing guard is assigned as prescribed by the local law enforcement agency or
13 school administrative unit that has control over the school crossing guard; and

14 D. Is wearing an appropriate uniform as specified by the local law enforcement
15 agency or school administrative unit that has control over the school crossing guard.

16 **3. Assisting pedestrians.** This section does not prohibit a school crossing guard
17 who does not meet the specifications described in subsection 2 from assisting a pedestrian
18 to cross a public way, as long as the school crossing guard does not attempt to do so by
19 directing traffic.

20 **SUMMARY**

21 This bill allows a school crossing guard to direct traffic.