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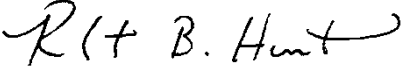
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H.P. 720

House of Representatives, February 21, 2019

An Act To Restrict Cell Phone Use by Students While in School

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


ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative SAMPSON of Alfred.
Cosponsored by Senator DIAMOND of Cumberland and
Representatives: CAMPBELL of Orrington, DOLLOFF of Rumford, HAGGAN of Hampden,
HARRINGTON of Sanford, O'CONNOR of Berwick, STEARNS of Guilford, TUELL of East
Machias.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4013** is enacted to read:

3 **§4013. Cellular telephone use**

4 The department shall adopt major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375,
5 subchapter 2-A that prohibit the use of a cellular telephone by a student in a public school
6 during classroom time, lunch breaks or transition time between classes and that allow a
7 student who has an emergency to use a cellular telephone in the main office of the school.
8 A school administrative unit may adopt a policy to implement the department's rules as
9 long as that policy is at least as restrictive as the department's rules.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill requires the Department of Education to adopt major substantive rules
12 restricting the use of cellular telephones by students.