



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2020

Legislative Document

No. 1859

H.P. 1330

House of Representatives, December 23, 2019

**An Act To Increase Access to Justice and Maine's Rural Lawyer
Workforce by Expanding Student Attorney Practice Opportunities**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2019. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

Handwritten signature of Robert B. Hunt in cursive.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BAILEY of Saco.

Cosponsored by Representative: HARNETT of Gardiner, Senator: KEIM of Oxford.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3 **5. Practice by law students.** Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this
4 chapter and under such terms, conditions, limitations, qualifications and supervision as
5 the Supreme Judicial Court by rule requires, a law student who is enrolled in and has
6 completed 3 or more full semesters or the equivalent at a law school accredited by the
7 American Bar Association may appear in the courts of the State on behalf of the State or
8 an agency of the State or under the supervision of an organization providing legal
9 services to the indigent approved by the Supreme Judicial Court on behalf of an
10 individual receiving services through the organization.

11 **Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §807, last ¶,** as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 755, is
12 repealed.

13 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill provides that a law student who is enrolled in and has completed 3 or more
15 full semesters or the equivalent at a law school accredited by the American Bar
16 Association may appear in court on behalf of the State or under the supervision of an
17 approved organization providing legal services to the indigent.