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In Senate, March 12, 2019

An Act To Support Community Schools

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

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MILLETT of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative DAUGHTRY of Brunswick and
Senators: BREEN of Cumberland, CARSON of Cumberland, VITELLI of Sagadahoc,
Representative: DODGE of Belfast.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §9923**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. GGG, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 **§9923. Designation of community schools**

5 The department is authorized to designate 3 community schools established in
6 accordance with this chapter ~~as part of a 5-year pilot project~~ beginning in the 2016-2017
7 school year. For the 2020-2021 school year, the department is authorized to designate 5
8 community schools established in accordance with this chapter. Beginning in the 2021-
9 2022 school year, the department may biannually designate 10 additional community
10 schools established in accordance with this chapter. The department shall annually
11 inform school administrative units of the application process and deadlines and make that
12 information and appropriate forms available on its publicly accessible website. The
13 commissioner shall provide state funding to the school administrative units in which the
14 designated community schools are located and may employ a state community school
15 coordinator to implement this ~~pilot project designation program~~. ~~Annual state allocations~~
16 ~~for this pilot project may not exceed \$150,000.~~

17 ~~This section is repealed July 1, 2021.~~

18 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§25**, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C,
19 §54, is further amended to read:

20 **25. Community schools.** The commissioner may expend and disburse funds for the
21 establishment of community schools in accordance with the provisions of chapter 333 and
22 shall apply for available federal funds in support of community school implementation
23 and expansion.

24 ~~This subsection is repealed July 1, 2021.~~

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill makes the Department of Education's community school pilot project
27 permanent. The department is authorized to designate 5 community schools in the 2020-
28 2021 school year and 10 additional schools biannually beginning in the 2021-2022 school
29 year. The Commissioner of Education is required to apply for available federal funds in
30 support of community school implementation and expansion.