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9 10	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " " to S.P. 630, L.D. 1731, Bill, "An Act To Recognize the Accreditation of Certain Private Schools"	
11 12	Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:	
13 14	'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2901, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 40, §2, is further amended to read:	
15 16 17 18 19 20	A. A private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls at least 60% publicly funded students that is currently <u>Currently</u> accredited by a commission or independent schools of a New England association of schools and colleges if fulfillment of its standards of accreditation and indicators and that also meets the applicable requirements of the system of learning results established in section 6209 or	
21 22	Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §2951, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1997, c. 266, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:	
23	6. Student assessment. Meets the following requirements:	
24 25	A. It participates in the statewide assessment program to measure and evaluate the academic achievements of students; and	
26 27	B. It meets the applicable requirements of the system of learning results established in section 6209.	
28 29 30	The requirements of this subsection apply only to a school that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students, as determined by the previous year's October and April average enrollment; and	
31 32	Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §2951, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 266, §9, is amended to read:	

7. Release of student records.	Upon the request of a school unit, release releases
copies of all student records for stude	nts transferring from the private school to the school
unit.'	

4 SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill. The amendment provides that private schools, including private schools that do not enroll at least 60% publicly funded students, may operate as approved private schools without undergoing the Department of Education's basic school approval process or meeting the requirements of the system of learning results if they are accredited by a New England association of schools and colleges. The amendment also requires a private school that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students to meet the requirements of the system of learning results before being approved for receipt of public funds for tuition purposes.