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S.P. 567

In Senate, December 18, 2015

An Act To Promote Private Fund-raising for the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf

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

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 18, 2015. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

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Presented by Senator BREEN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative PIERCE of Falmouth and
Senators: HASKELL of Cumberland, LANGLEY of Hancock, MILLETT of Cumberland,
Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, MAKER of Calais.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7413 is enacted to read:
3	§7413. Private support organization
4	1. Designation of private support organization. The executive director shall
5	designate a nonprofit organization as the private support organization for the school. The
6	designated organization must be incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of
7	the State, and its sole purpose, as reflected in its bylaws, must be to organize and foster
8	support for the school and the school's programs.
9	2. Nonvoting member on board of directors. The executive director, or the
10	executive director's designee, shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member of the private
11	support organization's board of directors.
12	3. Plan of work. The executive director shall negotiate an annual memorandum of
13	understanding between the school and the private support organization that outlines a
14	plan of work identifying priority projects of mutual benefit and cooperation.
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15	4. Use of property. The executive director may permit the appropriate use of fixed
16	property, equipment and facilities of the school by the private support organization. Such
17	use must be directly in keeping with the purpose of the private support organization as set
18	out in subsection 1 and must comply with all appropriate state policies and procedures.
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19	SUMMARY
20	This bill requires the Executive Director of the Maine Educational Center for the
21	Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to designate a
22	nonprofit organization as the private support organization for the Maine Educational
23	Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf to
24	organize and foster support for the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of
25	Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and its programs.