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Regionalization Committee to hear Governor's school bill

Gov. Baldacci's bill to promote school regionalization is scheduled to be heard by the Joint Select Committee on Regionalization and Community Cooperation on Wednesday, March 17, 1 p.m. in the State and Local Government Committee room, 216 Cross State Office Building.

The bill, LD 1921, "An Act to Encourage Efficiency in Maine's School Systems and Related Cost Savings," relies on a variety of financial incentives to encourage municipalities and existing school administrative districts to form Regional School Districts and School Cooperatives. It also proposes incentives for "efficient" school districts that demonstrate cost savings and high student performance.

The bill is sponsored by Rep. Janet McLaughlin, and the chief co-sponsor is Sen. Dennis Damon, co-chairs of the regionalization committee.

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