

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 763

House of Representatives, February 23, 1971

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Murray of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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AN ACT Relating to Conveyance of Secondary Pupils.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 3561, amended.** The 4th sentence of section 3561 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

The superintendent of schools in each town shall procure the conveyance of all ~~elementary~~ school age pupils residing in his ~~town~~ unit, a part or the whole of the distance, to and from the nearest suitable school, for the number of weeks for which schools are maintained in each year, when such pupils reside at such a distance from the said school as in the judgment of the school committee shall render such conveyance necessary; the superintendent shall procure conveyance for special education students to and from classes, whether those classes are conducted by a public or private school outside the administrative unit when said unit does not provide the necessary services.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 3561, amended.** Section 3561 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by inserting after the 4th sentence the following:

If an appropriate school is not operated by the unit, the voters shall designate such a school or schools acting on the following article at a regular or special town meeting or city council meeting. Article to be presented to the appropriate legislative body: Shall the ..... be  
school committee, board of directors  
authorized and directed to procure conveyance for pupils enrolled in grades  
..... through ..... to and from the following designated school(s):

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whenever such school(s) is (are) in session? Yes ..... No .....

Any unit failing to provide reasonable transportation services for school age pupils shall forfeit all general purpose aid until the commissioner is satisfied that such transportation services are provided.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this Act is to eliminate unnecessary school dropouts caused by the inability of individual parents to provide transportation services for school age pupils, particularly pupils of secondary school age.