

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1925

6  
7 S.P. 693

In Senate, January 10, 1984

8 Submitted by the Department of Educational and Cultural Services  
9 pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

Reference to the Committee on Education is suggested and ordered  
10 printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Hayes of Penobscot.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Soucy of Kittery, Representative Theriault of  
Fort Kent and Representative Crouse of Washburn.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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17 AN ACT Concerning the Speed Limit for  
18 School Buses.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §1252, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by  
23 PL 1975, c. 252, §12, is further amended to read:

24 E. Speed of mobile homes, however drawn, in ex-  
25 cess of 45 miles an hour in the daytime or night-  
26 time shall be unlawful; and

27 Sec. 2. 29 MRSA §1252, sub-§2, ¶F is repealed  
28 and the following enacted in its place:

29 F. Speed in excess of 45 miles per hour shall be  
30 unlawful when a school bus is transporting pupils  
31 to and from school. At all other times, a school  
32 bus shall not exceed the duly posted speed lim-  
33 its.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 The present statute sets the maximum speed for a  
3 school bus at 45 miles per hour except when on an ed-  
4 ucational trip or extracurricular activity trip, when  
5 the maximum speed is 50 miles per hour.

6 This wording is vague, misleading and does not  
7 address the speed of an empty school bus. We propose  
8 to amend the law to read:

9 "Speed in excess of 45 miles per hour shall be  
10 unlawful when a school bus is transporting pupils  
11 to and from school. At all other times a school  
12 bus shall not exceed the duly posted speed lim-  
13 its."

14 This bill does not have any fiscal impact on the  
15 cost of school transportation.

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