

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**H. P. No. 1081**

**H. D. No. 325**

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House of Representatives, March 10, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Wing of Auburn.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Kindergartens as Part of the Common  
School Course.

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

Section thirty of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes as  
2 amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the  
3 laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended  
4 by striking there from the words "provided further, that  
5 no person shall be allowed to teach in any kindergarten  
6 maintained under the provisions of this section who has  
7 not completed at least a two years' course in kindergarten  
8 training and received a certificate or diploma from a recog-  
9 nized kindergarten training school approved by the state  
10 superintendent of public schools," so that said section, as  
11 amended, shall read as follows:

'The age of pupils allowed to attend the public schools of  
2 the state is hereby fixed between the ages of five and twenty-  
3 one years; and every child between the said ages shall have  
4 the right to attend the public schools in the town in which  
5 his parent or guardian has a legal residence, subject to such  
6 reasonable regulations as to the numbers and qualifications  
7 of pupils to be admitted to the respective schools and as to  
8 other school matters as the superintending school committee  
9 shall from time to time prescribe; provided, however, that  
10 the superintending school committee of any city or town  
11 may, and upon the filing with the municipal officers of such  
12 city or town of a petition not less than one month before  
13 the annual town meeting by the parents or guardians of  
14 thirty or more children between four and six years of age  
15 living within a mile of a public elementary school, shall, un-  
16 less otherwise instructed by the town or city, maintain a  
17 kindergarten or kindergartens as a part of the common  
18 school course, and pupils shall be allowed to attend such a  
19 kindergarten or kindergartens upon reaching the age of four  
20 years; provided further, that unless the average daily at-  
21 tendance in any kindergarten shall be fifteen or more for  
22 any school year the superintending school committee, upon  
23 the recommendation of the superintendent of schools may  
24 discontinue the school.'