

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 1083

H. D. No. 327

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.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Kindergartens as Part of the Common
Schools.

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 thirty-four of the
3 public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby
4 amended by adding to said section the following words:
5 'Provided further, that no kindergarten certificate shall be
6 required of any teacher who is a graduate of a Maine Nor-
7 mal School until such time ensues when a person may
8 obtain the two years of kindergarten training specified above
9 at one of the normal schools located in the state of Maine,'
10 so that said section, as 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
3 twenty-one years; and every child between the said ages
4 shall have the right to attend the public schools in the town
5 in which his parent or guardian has a legal residence, sub-
6 ject to such reasonable regulations as to the numbers and
7 qualifications of pupils to be admitted to the respective
8 schools and as to other school matters as the superintending
9 school committee shall from time to time prescribe; pro-
10 vided, however, that the superintending school committee of
11 any city or town may, and upon the filing with the municipal
12 officers of such city or town of a petition not less than one
13 month before the annual town meeting by the parents or
14 guardians of thirty or more children between four and six
15 years of age living within a mile of a public elementary
16 school, shall, unless otherwise instructed by the town or
17 city, maintain a kindergarten or kindergartens as a part of
18 the common school course, and pupils shall be allowed to
19 attend such a kindergarten or kindergartens upon reaching
20 the age of four years; provided further, that unless the
21 average daily attendance in any kindergarten shall be fifteen
22 or more for any school year the superintending school com-
23 mittee, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of
24 schools, may discontinue the school; provided further, that
25 no kindergarten certificate shall be required of any teacher
26 who is a graduate of a Maine Normal School until such
27 time ensues when a person may obtain the two years of
28 kindergarten training specified above at one of the normal
29 schools located in the state of Maine.'