

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**H. P. No. 1220**

**H. D. No. 430**

House of Representatives, March 20, 1925.

Reported by Mr. Bragdon of Perham from Committee on Education and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT to Amend Section Thirty of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes and Chapter One Hundred Thirty-four of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Providing for 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:

R. S., Chap. 16, Sec. 30; Chap. 134, 1917, Public Laws, 2 Relating to School Age and Providing for Kindergartens 3 as a Part of the Common School Course. Section thirty 4 of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes, as amended by 5 chapter one hundred thirty-four of the public laws of nine- 6 teen hundred and seventeen, is hereby amended further by

7 inserting after the word "training" in line twenty-three  
8 thereof the words, 'or an equivalent,' so that the section, as  
9 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 30. Kindergartens to be established when petitioned  
2 for. Qualifications of teacher. The age of pupils allowed  
3 to attend the public schools of the state is hereby fixed be-  
4 tween the ages of five and twenty-one years; and every  
5 child between the said ages shall have the right to attend  
6 the public schools in the town in which his parent or guar-  
7 dian has a legal residence, subject to such reasonable reg-  
8 ulations as to the numbers and qualifications of pupils to  
9 be admitted to the respective schools and as to other school  
10 matters as the superintending school committee shall from  
11 time to time prescribe; provided, however, that the super-  
12 intending school committee of any city or town may, and  
13 upon the filing with the municipal officers of such city or  
14 town of a petition not less than one month before the an-  
15 nual town meeting by the parents or guardians of thirty  
16 or more children between four and six years of age living  
17 within a mile of a public elementary school, shall, unless  
18 otherwise instructed by the town or city, maintain a kinder-  
19 garten or kindergartens as a part of the common school  
20 course, and pupils shall be allowed to attend such a kinder-  
21 garten or kindergartens upon reaching the age of four years;  
22 provided further, that unless the average daily attendance  
23 in any kindergarten shall be fifteen or more for any school

24 year the superintending school committee, upon the recom-  
25 mendation of the superintendent of schools, may discontinue  
26 the school; provided further, that no person shall be al-  
27 lowed to teach in any kindergarten maintained under the  
28 provisions of this section who has not completed at least  
29 a two years' course in kindergarten training or its equiva-  
30 lent and received a certificate or diploma from a recognized  
31 kindergarten training school approved by the state super-  
32 intendent of public schools.'