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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Relating to School Attendance**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 83, amended.** The 1st sentence of section 83 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Every child between the 7th and 15th anniversaries of his birth and every child between the 15th and 17th anniversaries who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language and every child between the 15th and 16th anniversaries who has not completed the grades of the elementary school shall attend some public day school **in the town where dwelling** during the time such school is in session, and an absence therefrom of  $\frac{1}{2}$  day or more shall be deemed a violation of this requirement; provided that necessary absence may be excused by the superintending school committee or superintendent of schools or teachers acting by the direction of either; provided also, that such attendance shall not be required if the child obtains equivalent instruction, for a like period of time, in a private school in which the course of study and methods of instruction have been approved by the commissioner, or in any other manner arranged for by the superintending school committee with the approval of the commissioner; provided further, that children shall not be credited with attendance at a private school until a certificate showing their names,

residence, and attendance at such school, signed by the person or persons having such school in charge, shall be filed with the school officials of the town in which said children reside; and provided further, that the superintending school committee may exclude from the public schools any child whose physical or mental condition makes it inexpedient for him to attend.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 84, amended.** Section 84 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 84. Children may be allowed to attend school in adjoining town on terms agreed upon; tuition.** Children living remote from any public school in the town in which they reside may be allowed to attend the public schools, other than a high school approved as provided in section 98, in an adjoining town, under such regulations and on such terms as the school committees of said towns agree upon and prescribe, and the school committee of the town in which such children reside shall pay the sum agreed upon out of the appropriations of money raised in said town for school purposes. Except as above provided, a child ~~attending~~ **may attend** a public **elementary** school ~~other than a high school approved as provided in section 98~~ in a town in which his parent or ~~legal~~ guardian does not ~~reside~~ **have legal residence**, after having obtained the consent of the **superintending** school committee of such town, **or after a justice of the superior court has determined that such enrollment is conducive to the welfare of the child and to the interest of society, and the parent or guardian shall pay as tuition a sum equal to the average expense of each scholar in such school.'**