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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1903.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1903.

Chapter 140.

An Act to amend Section one of Chapter one hundred eighty-five of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred one, relating to Truants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section one of chapter one hundred eighty-five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and one is hereby amended by striking out the words in the first and second lines "ages of seven and fourteen inclusive" and inserting in their place 'seventh and fifteenth anniversaries of his birth,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 1 of chapter 185, public laws of 1901, amended.

'Section 1. Every child between the seventh and fifteenth anniversaries of his birth shall attend some public day school during the time such school is in session; provided that necessary absence may be excused by the superintending school committee or superintendent of schools or teachers acting by direction of either; provided also, that such attendance shall not be required if the child obtained equivalent instruction, for a like period of time, in an approved private school or in any other manner approved by the superintending school committee; 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.

Children between 7 and 15 shall attend some public day school.

—proviso.

All persons having children under their control shall cause them to attend school as provided in this section, and for every neglect of such duty shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars, to the treasurer of the city or town or shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.'

—persons having children in charge shall comply with this section.
—penalty.

Approved March 24, 1903.