

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Snow of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Relating to School Entrance Age Requirements.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 859, amended.** The first 3 paragraphs of section 859 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 338 of the public laws of 1965, are further amended to read as follows:

In the public schools of the State only those ~~children boys~~ who are or will become 6 years of age on or before ~~October 15th~~ **June 1st** of the school year **and only those girls who are or will become 6 years of age on or before September 1st of the school year** shall be admitted to grade one.

In schools which offer a one-year childhood education program prior to grade one, only those ~~children boys~~ who will be 5 years of age on or before ~~October 15th~~ **June 1st** of the school year **and only those girls who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1st of the school year** shall be admitted except that not more than 5 pilot programs related to school entrance age may be administered locally with approval of the State Board of Education during the 1965-66, 1966-67 school years only. Grade one age limitations shall not apply to children participating in these pilot programs.

In schools which offer a 2-year childhood education program prior to grade one, only those ~~children boys~~ who will be 4 years of age on or before ~~October 15th~~ **June 1st** of the school year **and only those girls who will be 4 years of age on or before September 1st of the school year** shall be admitted.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 859, amended.** Section 859 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding after the 3rd paragraph, a new paragraph, as follows:

Entrance age requirements shall become effective for 4-year-old children on July 1, 1968, for 5-year-old children on July 1, 1969 and for 6-year-old children on July 1, 1970.