

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 487

H. P. 378

House of Representatives, January 29, 1969

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Millett of Dixmont.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Permitting Approval of Early Childhood Education programs.

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

R. S., T. 20, § 2502, additional. Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 2502, to read as follows:

§ 2502. Approval of early childhood education programs

Childhood education programs enrolling children prior to grade one may be approved by the commissioner. The State Board of Education shall establish standards for approval of these programs. The commissioner shall appoint an advisory committee of professional and lay persons to assist in the development of these standards.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

A recent survey revealed that there are about 200 schools operated for children below the legal school age for public school systems. Permissive legislation is proposed to allow for the development of regulations which will permit these schools to seek approval from the Department of Education. The cost is estimated at \$5,000 of which \$3,000 would be used to finance a committee to develop standards and \$2,000 for printing.