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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 240

H. P. 182

House of Representatives, January 20, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Finemore of Bridgewater.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Age of Compulsory Education.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 911, amended. The first sentence of section 911 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 272 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

Every child between the 7th and ~~17th~~ 15th anniversaries of his birth shall attend some public day school 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.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 911, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 911 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 272 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

The first sentence of this section shall not apply to a child who has been graduated from high school before his ~~17th~~ 15th anniversary or to a child with subnormal mental capacity or a child who has completed the grades of the elementary school prior to September 1, 1965.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 20, § 911, amended. The last sentence of section 911 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 272 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

A child between the ages of 15 and ~~17~~ 16 years of age who, because of subnormal mental capacity, is unable to successfully pass the tests necessary to allow a regular work permit to be issued, may under conditions deemed proper receive a work permit issued jointly by the Commissioner of Educa-

tion and the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, such persons to be employed in nonhazardous occupations.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 26, § 775, amended. The 5th sentence of the 3rd paragraph of section 775 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 3 of chapter 272 of the public laws of 1965, is further amended to read as follows:

A child between the age of 15 and ~~17~~ 16 years who, because of subnormal mental capacity, is unable to successfully pass the tests necessary to allow a regular work permit to be issued may, under conditions deemed proper, receive a work permit issued jointly by the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, such persons to be employed in non-hazardous occupations.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to lower the maximum age for compulsory education.