

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 341

H. P. 259

House of Representatives, January 26, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lund of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Eligibility for Public and Compulsory Education.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 859, amended. The first sentence of the 4th paragraph of section 859 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

Subject to the provisions of this section and subject to such reasonable regulations as the school committee or school directors shall from time to time prescribe, every person ~~between the ages of 5 and 20~~ **beyond the age of 5** shall have the right to attend as a full-time student, or with the consent of the school committee or board of directors, as a part-time student, the public schools in the administrative unit in which his parent or guardian has residence.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, § 860, amended. The first sentence of section 860 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 37 of chapter 433 of the public laws of 1969, is further amended to read as follows:

Persons ~~between the ages of 5 and 20~~ **beyond the age of 5** years living at any light station, fog warning station or lifesaving station shall be admitted to any public school in the State without paying tuition.

Sec. 3. 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section 911 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 1 of chapter 272 of the public laws of 1965, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

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 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.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill would remove the higher age restriction in eligibility to attend public school at public expense.