

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 591 House of Representatives, February 11, 1971
Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for
concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Emery of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Prohibiting Administering Behavioral and Tranquilizing Drugs in
Schools.**

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

R. S., T. 20, § 572, additional. Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended
by adding a new section 572 to read as follows:

§ 572. Drugs prohibited

It is unlawful for any person to give drugs to school children at nursery,
kindergarten, elementary or secondary school levels or at any other schools
in the State of Maine, for the purpose of modifying the learning or behavior
of the students.

It is unlawful to administer tranquilizing drugs of any type, kind or of any
description to school children by teaching personnel, or by any school nurse,
or by any other school employee or by administrators of schools, whether
public or private.

This section shall not apply to mentally-retarded children who are under
the supervision of a licensed physician or to those children who are in the
custody of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to insure that the school rooms of our great State
of Maine are not turned into a massive clinic, leading to children's acceptance
of drugs as a way of life.