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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 799

S. P. 271

In Senate, February 16, 1971

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Danton of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Testing of Vision and Hearing for School Pupils.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 1135, repealed and replaced. Section 1135 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 19 of chapter 425 of the public laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1135. Examination of sight and hearing; notice of defect or disability to parent or guardian

The school committee or school directors of administrative units shall require that children in the public schools be screened for the purpose of determining if a school child may have defective sight or hearing. The commissioner shall, after consultation with the Department of Health and Welfare, prescribe the directions for the tests of sight and hearing. These directions shall include the frequency and manner of conducting the tests as well as the method by which notice of any defect or possible defect detected shall be sent to the parent or the guardian of the child. The commissioner shall furnish to the administrators of the school administrative units the prescribed directions for the tests of sight and hearing. He shall also furnish test cards, record and report forms and other useful materials for carrying out the purpose of this section.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 20, §§ 1136, 1137 and 1139, repealed. Section 1136, section 1137 as amended, and section 1139, all of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, are repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this legislation is to place the testing of children for sight and hearing problems in the hands of qualified persons, to diagnose difficulties early enough so that corrective action can be taken with maximum benefit for the individual involved.