

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 873

H. P. 643

House of Representatives, February 16, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Haskell of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Requiring Childhood Education Programs for Five-Year-Olds.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 859, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 859 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

~~In schools which~~ All public schools of the State shall offer a one-year childhood education program prior to grade one and only those children who will be 5 years of age on or before October 15th of the school year shall be admitted.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective July 1, 1972.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act would make it possible for all 5-year-old children to receive school instruction. At present some children are denied school opportunities because the administrative unit does not provide school programs for such children.