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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Disturbing Schools.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 20, § 3771, amended. Section 3771 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 3771. Disturbing schools

Whoever, whether a scholar or not, enters any schoolhouse or other place of instruction during or out of school hours, while the teacher or any pupil is present, and willfully interrupts or disturbs the teacher or pupils by loud speaking, rude or indecent behavior, signs or gestures, or willfully interrupts a school by prowling about the building, making noises, throwing missiles at the schoolhouse or in any way disturbing the school, ~~forfeits not less than \$2 nor more than \$20, to be recovered as provided in chapter 19 or on complaint~~ shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1865, c. 532, § 8-A, additional. Chapter 532 of the private and special laws of 1865, as amended, is further amended by adding a new section 8-A to read as follows:

Sec. 8-A. The trustees of the University of Maine may appoint persons to act as policemen who shall, within the limits of the property owned by or under the control of the university and on contiguous streets and highways, possess all of the powers of policemen in criminal cases.

The trustees may make rules and regulations for the control, movement and parking of vehicles within the limits of the property owned by or under

the control of the university. Such rules and regulations shall have the same force and effect as municipal ordinances and District Courts are authorized to impose fines not to exceed \$10 for each violation. The trustees, by resolution, may adopt the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 2151, subsection 3, paragraph A, relating to prima facie evidence and the establishment of a waiver of court action by payment of specified fees.