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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 334

H. P. 282 House of Representatives, January 23, 1975
Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fraser of Mexico.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Concerning Tuberculosis Control Requirements for School Personnel.

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

20 MRSA, § 1091, as last amended by PL 1967, c. 425, § 19, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 1091. Tuberculosis control requirements for school personnel

- 1. The Director of Health is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations designed to prevent the occurrence of infectious tuberculosis in school personnel. Such rules and regulations shall specifically include a definition of "infectious tuberculosis" and shall specify those measures to be taken in order that the school superintendent, superintending school committee or other governing body of a school, school district or school union can ascertain that school personnel are free of tuberculosis.
- 2. The term "school personnel" for purposes of this section are school superintendents, supervisors, teachers, including student and substitute teachers, school counselors, aides, volunteers, school nurses, janitors, custodians, school bus drivers, persons employed in food preparation and other such persons regularly working in the school environment.
- 3. School personnel shall be required to present to the office of the school superintendent, private school director, superintending school committee or other governing body of a school, school district or school union, a certificate, for file in the aforementioned offices, demonstrating that they have complied with the rules and regulations adopted under this section. The Director of

Health shall specify in the rules and regulations the criteria for certification and those persons authorized to so certify school personnel.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It has been shown that chest X-rays are necessary only in positive skin test reactors. It also is felt that annual testing gives better protection than biennial.