

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 507

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S. P. 143

In Senate, February 4, 1975

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

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Katz of Kennebec.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Enabling Classification of Residents of State Institutions as  
Resident Pupils.

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA, § 2716, 4th ¶, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1969, c. 485, § 1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA, § 859, 4th ¶, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 571, § 26, is further amended by inserting at the end the following:

Any child between the ages of 5 and 20, committed or otherwise legally admitted to any state-operated institution, shall have the right to attend the public schools in the administrative unit in which such institution is located, or in any adjoining administrative unit, upon enrollment therein by the head of such institution under the same conditions as pupils residing in such administrative unit and shall for the purposes of this section be classified as resident pupils.

Sec. 3. 34 MRSA, § 528, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 488, § 1, is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill permits residents of state institutions between the ages of 5 and 20 years to attend public school in the administrative unit in which the institution is located or in an adjoining administrative unit, classifying such residents as resident pupils. The bill repeals portions of Title 34, section 528 and

Title 15, section 2716, which are no longer operative because of the repeal of Title 20, section 1391 by chapter 556, section 10 of the public laws of 1973. This bill, in permitting such school attendance, reinstates the availability of such access to public schools as was operative prior to the repeal of Title 20, section 1391.