

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 495

S. P. 181

In Senate, February 17, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and 1,800 ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Trotzky of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Permitting Corporal Punishment in Certain Private Schools.

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

17-A MRSA § 106, sub-§ 2, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, § 1, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

Permission to prevent or punish misconduct, as described in subsection 1, may be expressly delegated to teachers in any private schools approved under Title 20, section 102, subsection 7, when a written agreement to permit such a use of force has been made between a parent, foster parent or guardian of the student and the administrative director of the school.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit teachers in private schools to use physical force as punishment for any student when permission has been granted by written agreement between the parent, foster parent or guardian of the student and the administrative head of the school. The bill will permit certain teachers to use only reasonable corporal punishment and will not permit the use of excessive force on students.