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No. 1950

H. P. 1893

Office of the Clerk of the House

The Committee on Education suggested. Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 24.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Beaulieu of Portland.

Cosponsor: Mr. Wood of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Suspend Public Law 1977, Chapter 499, "An Act Relating to Habitual Truants and School Dropouts," until July 1, 1979.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Legislature has enacted Public Law 1977, chapter 499, "AN ACT Relating to Habitual Truants and School Dropouts;" and

Whereas, that Act requires educational personnel to follow fairly extensive and detailed procedures when it is discovered that a child is habitually truant; and

Whereas, it has become apparent that these procedures need clarification and that school administrative units need more preparation time to be able to adequately carry out the intent of the habitual truant statute; and

Whereas, in order to permit the Legislature, in cooperation with local and state school officials, more time to amplify, clarify and simplify these procedures, and in order to avoid confusion on state and local administrative levels concerning the implementation of this statute, it is important that this statute be suspended until July 1, 1979; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

PL 1977, c. 499, section 5 is enacted to read:

Section 5. Suspension. This chapter shall be suspended until July 1, 1979. This suspension shall be retroactive to October 24, 1977.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill suspends the provisions of Public Law 1977, chapter 499, "AN ACT Relating to Habitual Truants and School Dropouts," until July 1, 1979, and retroactively to October 24, 1977, for reasons which are set forth in the emergency preamble.