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H. P. 236

House of Representatives, February 2, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Lewis of Auburn.

Cosponsor: Mr. Fenlason of Danforth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Abolish Compulsory Education.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 911, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 499, § 1 and amended by PL 1977, c. 610, §§ 1-4, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 913, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 914, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 610, § 5, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 915 is repealed.

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 931, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 706, § 2, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 20 MRSA § 934, sub-§ 1, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 625, § 3, is amended to read:

1. Programs for school dropouts. Administrative units are encouraged to establish part-time or full-time programs for school dropouts and chronic truants of legal school age. Because many students are alienated from regular school programs or have personal barriers preventing successful continuation in these programs, any student considered for alternate programs under this section shall be involved in the process of selection and formation of these alternate programs.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to repeal the statutory sections which make education compulsory. Passage of this bill would mean that education would be provided to those children whose parents wished to send them to school, but children would not be required by statute to attend school.