

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 393**

H. P. 294

House of Representatives, February 7, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Provide Minimum Attendance Requirements for Students Enrolled in Regular School Programs which shall be met before those Students will Qualify for Promotion.**

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

20 MRSA § 911-A is enacted to read:

§ 911-A. **Minimum attendance in certain programs**

Any child who is enrolled in an approved regular school program in any public school shall not qualify for promotion from the grade in which that child enrolled or for graduation unless that child attends school at least 115 days during the school year in which he is enrolled in that program. This section shall not apply to children who are being taught pursuant to an approved tutorial or home-study program in accordance with section 911, subsection 3 or who are participating in an approved alternate program in accordance with section 911, subsection 10.

The principal of any public school is authorized to waive the minimum attendance requirements set out in this section as they apply to any individual child when that child has satisfactorily completed the academic requirements of the program in which he is enrolled.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to promote regular school attendance in accordance with the compulsory attendance laws and to establish a minimum level of attendance which pupils enrolled in regular school programs must meet before they are promoted to the next grade.