

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 986

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7 H.P. 755

House of Representatives, March 3, 1983

8 On Motion of Representative Locke of Sebec referred to the Committee
9 on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Mitchell of Freeport.

Cosponsors: Senator Diamond of Cumberland and Senator Clark of
11 Cumberland.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to End the School Year by June
18 15th.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981,
23 c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

24 1. Number. A school administrative unit shall
25 make provision for the maintenance of all of its
26 schools for at least 180 days a year. At least 175
27 days shall be used for instruction. In meeting the
28 requirement of a 180-day school year, no more than 5
29 days may be used for in-service education of teach-
30 ers, administrative meetings, parent-teacher confer-
31 ences, records' days and similar activities. Except
32 as provided in paragraph B, no school year may extend
33 later than June 15th in any year.

1 A. The commissioner may reduce or waive the min-
2 imum number of days required on application from
3 a school board. The application must be sup-
4 ported in writing with a statement of the reasons
5 for the request.

6 B. Notwithstanding any other section of the
7 statutes, school committees, with the approval of
8 the commissioner, may adopt or amend rules neces-
9 sary to implement an extended school year at the
10 local level. The commissioner may make appropri-
11 ate adjustments, not to exceed the allowable sub-
12 sidy, to insure fair and equitable treatment in
13 the distribution of state aid.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

15 The purpose of this bill is to require that
16 schools close by June 15th each year.

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