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(New Draft of S.P. 769, L.D. 2089)

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2360

S.P. 870

In Senate, March 23, 1984

Reported by Minority Report from the Committee on Education and printed under Joint Rule 2.

Original bill presented by Senator Hayes of Penobscot and cosponsored by Representative McCollister of Canton.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

AN ACT Concerning the Teaching of
Certain Subjects.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA §1221 is amended to read:

§1221. Teaching of virtue and morality

The presidents, professors and tutors of colleges, the preceptors and teachers of academies and all other instructors of youth in public or private institutions shall use their best endeavors to impress on the minds of the children and youth committed to their care and instruction the principles of morality and justice and a sacred regard for truth; love of country, humanity and a universal benevolence; sobriety, industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temperance; and all other virtues

1 which ornament human society; and to lead those under
2 their care, as their ages and capacities admit, into
3 a particular understanding of the tendency of such
4 virtues to preserve and perfect a republican consti-
5 tution, secure the blessings of liberty and to pro-
6 mote their future happiness and the tendency of the
7 opposite vices, to slavery, degradation and ruin. All
8 teachers in the public schools of the State shall de-
9 ~~vote not less than 1/2 hour of each week of the~~
10 ~~school term to teaching to also teach~~ the children
11 under their charge, in correlation with other studies
12 of the school curriculum, the great principles of
13 humanity as illustrated by kindness to birds and ani-
14 mals and regard for all factors which contribute to
15 the well-being of man.

16 Sec. 2. 20 MRSA §1223 is repealed.

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This new draft removes the language in the origi-
19 nal bill and substitutes provisions which:

20 1. Repeals the 1/2 hour time requirement on the
21 teaching of kindness to animals; and

22 2. Repeals the Revised Statutes, Title 20, sec-
23 tion 1223 which has been ruled unconstitutional.

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