

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 684

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H.P. 481

House of Representatives, February 26, 1985

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Reference to the Committee on Education is suggested and ordered printed.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Pines of Limestone.

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

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AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to School  
Days, Holidays and Special  
Observances.

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

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

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1. Number. A school administrative unit shall make provision for the maintenance of all of its schools for at least ~~180~~ 185 days a year. At least ~~175~~ 180 days shall be used for instruction. In meeting the requirement of a ~~180~~ 185-day school year, no more than 5 days may be used for in-service education of teachers, administrative meetings, parent-teacher conferences, records' days and similar activities.

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A. The commissioner may reduce or waive the minimum number of days required on application from

1 a school board. The application must be sup-  
2 ported in writing with a statement of the reasons  
3 for the request.

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

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 The purpose of this bill is to increase the  
14 school year from 180 days to 185 days.

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