

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (New Draft of S.P. 212, L.D. 570)  
2 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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6 Legislative Document

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8 S.P. 455

In Senate, April 3, 1985

9 Reported by Senator Gauvreau of Androscoggin from the Committee on  
10 Education and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by Senator  
11 Trafton of Androscoggin. Cosponsored by Representative Boutilier of  
Lewiston.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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18 AN ACT Concerning Alternatives to Attendance  
19 in Public Schools.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5001-A, sub-§2, ¶¶B and C, as  
24 enacted by PL 1983, c. 806, §49, are amended to read:

25 B. A person who has:

26 (1) Reached the age of 15 years or com-  
27 pleted the 9th grade;

28 (2) Permission to leave school from that  
29 person's parent;

30 (3) Permission to leave school from the  
31 school board or its designee; and

1 (4) Agreed in writing with that person's  
2 parent and the school board or its designee  
3 to meet annually until that person's 17th  
4 birthday to review that person's educational  
5 needs. When the request to be excused from  
6 school has been denied pursuant to this par-  
7 agraph, the student's parent may appeal to  
8 the commissioner; ~~or~~

9 C. A person whose absence is excused under sec-  
10 tion 5051. The parent of an habitual truant who  
11 has been denied a waiver of this paragraph, may  
12 appeal to the commissioner in accordance with  
13 section 5051, subsection 2, paragraph E; or

14 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5001-A, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted  
15 to read:

16 D. A person who has matriculated and is attend-  
17 ing an accredited, post-secondary, degree-grant-  
18 ing institution as a full-time student. An ex-  
19 ception to attendance in public school under this  
20 paragraph must be approved by the commissioner.  
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22 STATEMENT OF FACT

23 This new draft changes the placement of the ex-  
24 emption from the subsection on equivalent education  
25 to a subsection on exemptions. It gives the commis-  
26 sioner the responsibility for approving the appropri-  
27 ateness of a student attending a post-secondary  
28 school instead of elementary or secondary school.

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