

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 612

H.P. 457 House of Representatives, March 4, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and  
ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative LAWRENCE OF Parsonsfield.  
Cosponsored by Representative ROLDE of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT Concerning Raising the Number of  
2 Mandatory School Days.  
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
5 follows:

6 20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985,  
7 c. 624, is further amended to read:

8 1. Number. A school administrative unit shall  
9 make provision for the maintenance of all of its  
10 schools for at least ~~180~~ 185 days a year. At least  
11 ~~175~~ 180 days shall be used for instruction. In meet-  
12 ing the requirement of a ~~180-day~~ 185-day school year,  
13 no more than 5 days may be used for in-service educa-  
14 tion of teachers, administrative meetings, parent-  
15 teacher conferences, records' days and similar activ-  
16 ities.

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 C. Notwithstanding this subsection, the commis-  
15 sioner shall promulgate a rule to provide that  
16 local school units may allow secondary school  
17 students

18 STATEMENT OF FACT

19 This bill increases the school year from 180 days  
20 to 185 days.

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