

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1060

H.P. 788 House of Representatives, April 1, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested  
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative SWAZEY of Bucksport.  
Cosponsored by Representatives BOST of Orono and SIMPSON  
of Casco.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Requirements for License  
to Operate a Nursery School.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8402, sub-§3, ¶G is enacted to  
read:

G. The nursery school shall select a skilled and  
well-qualified director to administer the pro-  
gram.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8403-A is enacted to read:

§8403-A. Director

1           1. Qualifications. The director must be a com-  
2 petent, mature individual who has a knowledge of the  
3 needs of young children and the ability to be a good  
4 administrator.

5           2. Responsibility. The director shall be re-  
6 sponsible for the operation of the nursery school at  
7 all times, except, in the necessary absence of the  
8 director, a responsible staff member shall be dele-  
9 gated to be in charge.

10           3. Required age. The director, or the person  
11 who has been delegated the responsibility of director  
12 in the director's absence, must be at least 21 years  
13 of age and be a high school graduate or its equiva-  
14 lent.

15           4. Educational requirements. The director of a  
16 program serving nursery school children must have:

17           A. At least 2 years of college work, including  
18 courses in child development and the behavioral  
19 sciences, and 6 months' experience in a day care  
20 center, nursery school or a department-approved,  
21 supervised internship period with preschool chil-  
22 dren;

23           B. Graduated from an accredited high school or  
24 its equivalent, and have 2 years of regular paid  
25 employment working with children in a day care  
26 center or preschool facility. At least 6 college  
27 level credit hours in early childhood education  
28 may be substituted for the 2 years' college work;  
29 or

30           C. A child development associate degree as  
31 awarded by the Child Development Associate Na-  
32 tional Credentialing Program.

33           In lieu of the qualifications of the director, the  
34 director may employ a staff person who meets the  
35 qualifications in this subsection who will be respon-  
36 sible for the planning and direction of the program  
37 in a nursery school.



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STATEMENT OF FACT



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This bill mandates qualifications for a director  
3 of a nursery school.

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