

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 243

House of Representatives, February 23, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative SMALL of Bath.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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**An Act to Allow School Districts to Waive Up to 5 Days of  
Kindergarten for Screening.**

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

3 **20-A MRSA §4801, sub-§1, ¶D, is enacted to read:**

5 D. A school administrative unit may provide for the use of  
7 up to 5 of the 175 instructional days required by this  
9 section to be used for screening incoming first year  
11 students for the purpose of identifying exceptional students  
13 and students at risk of school failure as required by state  
15 or federal law.

17 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

19 This bill provides local school units with the option of using up to 5 of the 175 student instructional days in the kindergarten school year for screening incoming students for special needs as required by state law. Appropriate screening instruments may be administered by school staff anytime during the school year.