

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

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No. 306

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H.P. 215

House of Representatives, February 5, 1991

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 AULT of Wayne.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Increase the Minimum Age to Enter School.**

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

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4 20-A MRSA §5201, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5  
and 8, is amended to read:

6 2. **Minimum ages.** The following are minimum ages necessary  
for student enrollment in a school administrative unit.

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10 A. A person who ~~will-be~~ is at least 6 years old on ~~October~~  
~~15th~~ May 31st of the immediately preceding school year may  
enroll in grade one.

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14 B. A person who ~~will-be~~ is at least 5 years old on ~~October~~  
~~15th~~ May 31st of the immediately preceding school year may  
enroll in a one-year kindergarten if it is offered.

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18 C. A person who ~~will-be~~ is at least 4 years old on ~~October~~  
~~15th~~ May 31st of the immediately preceding school year may  
20 enroll in a 2-year childhood education program prior to  
grade one if it is offered.

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24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

26 This bill raises by 4 1/2 months the minimum age for  
enrolling children in 2-year preschool programs, kindergarten and  
first grade.