

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1992

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Legislative Document

No. 2206

S.P. 862

In Senate, January 23, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator ESTY of Cumberland  
Cosponsored by Representative LEMKE of Westbrook.

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STATE OF MAINE

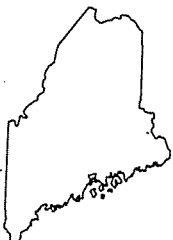
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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

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**An Act to Protect Students Appointed to Special Select Committees.**

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

4 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3272, sub-§3, ¶¶D and E, as enacted by PL  
1985, c. 490, §8, are amended to read:

6 D. A family emergency; ~~or~~

8 E. A planned absence for a personal or educational purpose  
10 which that has been approved; or

12 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §3272, sub-§3, ¶F is enacted to read:

14 F. Attendance at a meeting of a board if the student is a  
member of that board. "Board" means any authority, board,  
commission, committee, council or similar organization,  
including independent organizations, established or  
authorized by the Legislature or by executive order to  
fulfill specific functions, the members of which do not  
serve full time.

20 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §10005 is enacted to read:

22 §10005. Student attendance at board meetings

24 A postsecondary institution may not penalize a student for  
absences from class due to attendance as a member of a board when  
that student can not reasonably arrange a class schedule that  
does not conflict with board meetings. "Board" means any  
authority, board, commission, committee, council or similar  
organization, including independent organizations, established or  
authorized by the Legislature or by executive order to fulfill  
specific functions, the members of which do not serve full time.

34 STATEMENT OF FACT

36 This bill ensures that students appointed to boards  
38 established by the Legislature or by executive order are not  
40 penalized at high school or college for absences caused by  
attendance at board meetings.