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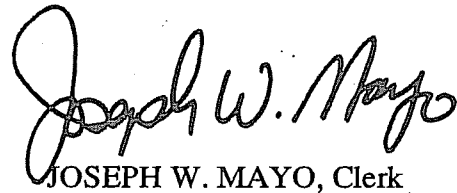
No. 888

H.P. 650

House of Representatives, March 15, 1993

An Act to Make Children Legally Responsible for Their Truancy.

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KETTERER of Madison.

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3273, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 415, §6, is amended to read:

1. Civil violations. Having control of a person who is habitually truant and being primarily responsible for that truancy or being a person who is an habitual truant constitutes a civil violation under this chapter.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §3273, sub-§5, ¶¶B and C, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 415, §10, are amended to read:

B. Ordering the offender to take specific action to ensure the student's attendance at school or in the case of a student offender who is an habitual truant, ordering that person's attendance in school;

C. Enjoining the offender from engaging in specific conduct which that interferes with or may interfere with the student's attendance at school or in the case of a student offender who is an habitual truant, enjoining that offender from engaging in specific conduct that interferes with that person's attendance in school; or

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill makes an habitual truant responsible for that person's truancy in addition to the adult responsible for that person's attendance in school. The bill extends the same enforcement provisions to habitual truants as now exist for the adults responsible for their attendance in school.