

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1995

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No. 263

H.P. 204

House of Representatives, January 27, 1995

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**An Act to Permit Law Enforcement Officers to Transport Truants Back  
to School.**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMONT of Kittery.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: AULT of Wayne, CAMERON of Rumford, CAMPBELL of Holden, DiPIETRO of South Portland, MARSHALL of Eliot, SIMONEAU of Thomaston, VIGUE of Winslow, Senator: LAWRENCE of York.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5051, sub-§2, ¶F** is enacted to read:

6 F. When a student is determined habitually truant and in  
8 violation of section 5001-A, the school board shall notify  
10 the local law enforcement department of the decision. After  
12 this notification, a local law enforcement officer who sees  
14 a truant may transport the truant to the appropriate school  
16 if the truant:

18 (1) Is off school grounds during school hours; and

20 (2) Is not under the supervision of school personnel.

22 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

24 Currently, law enforcement officers who see identified  
truants off school grounds during school hours may not take  
action except to notify the school or designated school  
personnel. This bill permits an officer to transport the truant  
student to the appropriate school.