

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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No. 365

H.P. 301

House of Representatives, January 23, 1997

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**An Act to Require That Public Schools Adopt a Conflict Resolution Model.**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative WINGLASS of Auburn.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: DEXTER of Kingfield, GREEN of Monmouth, HONEY of Boothbay, MITCHELL of Portland, TRIPP of Topsham, WATSON of Farmingdale, Senators: FERGUSON of Oxford, LONGLEY of Waldo.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4710 is enacted to read:**

6 **§4710. Peer mediation and conflict resolution**

8 All public elementary and secondary schools shall develop  
10 and adopt, within 3 years of the effective date of this section,  
as part of the curriculum, a comprehensive peer mediation and  
conflict resolution program.

12 **SUMMARY**

14 This bill requires public elementary and secondary schools  
16 to implement a comprehensive peer mediation and conflict  
18 resolution program addressing the students' social and academic  
20 behaviors. The purpose of this bill is to teach students  
alternative methods of handling potentially violent situations  
without the use of violence and to take responsibility for their  
behavior.