

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 901

House of Representatives, February 25, 1997

**An Act to Clarify Part-time School Week for the Purpose of Enforcing  
Child Labor Laws in the State.**

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Submitted by the Department of Labor pursuant to Joint Rule 204.  
Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough.  
Cosponsored by Representative WINSOR of Norway.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1993, c.  
5 434, §3, is further amended to read:

6 B. More than 20 hours in any week when school is in  
7 session, except that the minor may work up to 8 hours on  
8 each day that an authorized school closure occurs up to a  
9 total of 28 hours in that week. In addition, the maximum  
10 weekly hours a minor may work is 50 hours during any week  
11 that the approved school calendar is less than 3 days or  
12 during the first or last week of the school calendar,  
13 regardless of how many days school is in session for the  
14 week. If requested, a school must provide verification of  
15 its closings to the minor's employer or the Department of  
16 Labor;

17 **Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §774, sub-§6** is enacted to read:

18 6. In session. School is considered in session if the  
19 students are required to be in attendance by the school board  
20 pursuant to Title 20-A, chapter 211.  
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24 **SUMMARY**

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27 This bill allows a minor to work up to 50 hours during any  
28 week that school is in session less than 3 days and on the first  
29 and last week of the school year. It also clarifies the term "in  
30 session" in accordance with the compulsory education requirements.