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No. 1573

H.P. 1117

House of Representatives, March 18, 1997

An Act to Establish Penalty for Violation of Compulsory School Attendance.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Union.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §3273**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 415, §§6
to 10, is repealed.

6 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §3273-A** is enacted to read:

8 **§3273-A. Enforcement**

10 **1. Criminal violation.** Any adult who has control of a
12 person who is habitually truant and who is primarily responsible
for that truancy commits a Class E crime.

14 **2. Penalties.** A person convicted of a violation under
16 subsection 1 is subject to a fine of not less than \$5 and not
more than \$500 or imprisonment for not less than 2 days and not
18 more than 90 days, or both.

20 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §5053**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 415, §§22
to 25, is repealed.

22 **Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §5053-A** is enacted to read:

24 **§5053-A. Enforcement**

26 **1. Criminal violation.** Any adult who has control of a
28 person who is habitually truant and who is primarily responsible
for that truancy commits a Class E crime.

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32 subsection 1 is subject to a fine of not less than \$5 and not
more than \$500 or imprisonment for not less than 2 days and not
34 more than 90 days, or both.

36 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill amends the truancy laws by repealing the civil
40 enforcement sections and replacing them with sections that make
an adult who has control of a person who is habitually truant
42 responsible for committing a Class E crime, punishable by a fine
or imprisonment or both.