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House of Representatives, February 9, 1999

An Act to Make Schools Safer.

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

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative COLWELL of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Senator CAREY of Kennebec and
Representatives: BUCK of Yarmouth, COWGER of Hallowell, HATCH of Skowhegan,
McALEVEY of Waterboro, NORBERT of Portland, SAMSON of Jay, TRACY of Rome.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §207, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1985, c. 495,
§4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 2. Assault is a Class D Crime, except in the following
8 instances, it is a Class C crime:

10 A. When the actor causes bodily injury to another person
who is under 6 years of age and the actor is at least 18
12 years of age; or

14 B. When an assault occurs on school grounds.

16 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §209, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499,
§1, is amended to read:

18 2. Criminal threatening is a Class D crime, except when the
criminal threatening occurs on school grounds, in which case it
20 is a Class C crime.

22 **Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §210, sub-§2,** as repealed and replaced by PL
24 1977, c. 510, §45, is amended to read:

26 2. Violation of subsection 1, paragraph A, is a Class D
crime, except when the terrorizing occurs on school grounds, in
which case it is a Class C crime. Violation of subsection 1,
28 paragraph B, is a Class C crime.

30 **Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §402, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1989, c. 793,
is further amended to read:

32 2. Violation of subsection 1, paragraph A, is a Class D
34 crime. Violation of subsection 1, paragraph B, C, D, E or F is a
Class E crime, except when the criminal trespass occurs on school
36 grounds, in which case it is a Class D crime.

38 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill increases the penalty for assault, criminal
42 threatening and terrorizing from a Class D crime to a Class C
44 crime and criminal trespass from a Class E crime to a Class D
crime if any of the offenses occur on school grounds.