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House of Representatives, March 11, 1999

An Act to Require All Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 to be Bused to School.

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

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GERRY of Auburn.

Ве	it	enacted	by	the	People	of th	ie State	01	Maine a	is tollow	rs:

- Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5401, sub-§§1, 2 and 3, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, are amended to read:
- 1. Municipal school units. The Except as provided in subsection 3-A, the superintendent of schools in a municipal school unit shall, with the approval of the school board, provide transportation for elementary school students a part of or the whole distance to and from the nearest suitable elementary school. The municipality may provide transportation for secondary level students.
- 2. School administrative district. The Except as provided in subsection 3-A, the superintendent of schools in a school administrative district shall, with the approval of the school board, provide transportation for:
 - A. Elementary school students a part of or the whole distance to and from the nearest suitable school; and
 - B. Secondary school students a part of or the whole distance to the district's secondary school or to and from the secondary school in the school administrative unit or units with which the district has contracted for secondary school privileges. The school board may provide transportation for secondary school students attending other secondary schools.
- 30 3. Community school district. The Except as provided in subsection 3-A, the community school district district district school committee shall either:
- A. Instruct the superintendent of schools to provide transportation for elementary and secondary school students all or a part of the way to and from the nearest suitable school; or
- B. Provide transportation in accordance with a written agreement with the member school administrative units.
- 42 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5401, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:
- 44 3-A. Transportation for students in kindergarten to grade
 3. The school administration unit shall provide transportation
 46 for:
- A. Kindergarten students to and from the students' residences; and

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	B. Students in grades one to 3 to and from bus stops not
2	more than one block from the students' residences. Students
	in grades one to 3 may walk to and from school if the school
4	can be clearly seen from the students' residences.
6	Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §5401, sub-§§7 and 11, as enacted by PL 1981,
	c. 693, §§5 and 8, are amended to read:
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	7. Remote location. If a student resides in a location
10	remote from and inaccessible to schools of and public highways,
	the student's parents shallbe are responsible for providing
12	transportation to a public highway or paying board for the
	student within walking distance of a school. Failure of the
14	parent to provide transportation or board shall-be is considered
	a violation of the truancy law.
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	11. Minimum distances. A school board may establish the
18	distance from a school that students in grades 4 to 12 must
	reside to receive transportation.
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4-4	This bill requires schools to transport children in
26	This bill requires schools to transport children in kindergarten to grade 3 to and from school regardless of the
20	distance the children live from their schools. Kindergarten
28	students must be picked up and dropped off at their residences.
20	Children in grades one to 3 must be transported to within one
30	block of their residences. Children in grades one to 3 may walk
	if their residences can be clearly seen from their schools.
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