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S.P. 201

In Senate, February 11, 2003

An Act Regarding Age Eligibility for Enrollment in a Public Secondary School

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRENNAN of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MARLEY of Portland and
Senators: EDMONDS of Cumberland, ROTUNDO of Androscoggin, Representatives:
CUMMINGS of Portland, FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, MURPHY of Kennebunk, NORBERT of
Portland.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas**, the school year as defined in statute will begin
before the 90 days has passed; and

8 **Whereas**, this legislation will affect students for the
upcoming school year; and

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12 **Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

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Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5201, sub-§3, ¶F is enacted to read:

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22 F. A person who obtains a waiver from the commissioner
pursuant to section 5206.

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Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5206 is enacted to read:

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§5206. Waiver

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30 The superintendent may request that the commissioner approve
on a case-by-case basis waivers of the age requirements under
section 5201 to allow a student who has reached 20 years of age
before the start of the school year to be enrolled as a public
secondary school student.

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34 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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SUMMARY

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42 This bill authorizes the Commissioner of Education to waive
on a case-by-case basis age requirements to allow students who
have reached 20 years of age before the start of the school year
to enroll as a public secondary school students.