

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 293

In Senate, March 5, 2013

### An Act To Expand Funding for Early Childhood Education

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

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator LACHOWICZ of Kennebec.  
Cosponsored by Representative STUCKEY of Portland and  
Senators: CRAVEN of Androscoggin, GRATWICK of Penobscot, MILLETT of Cumberland,  
Representatives: BECK of Waterville, CHIPMAN of Portland, HICKMAN of Winthrop,  
JONES of Freedom, MOONEN of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1, sub-§10**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **10. Elementary school.** "Elementary school" means a public preschool program or  
5 that portion of a school that provides instruction in any combination of kindergarten  
6 through grade 8.

7 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1, sub-§23-A**, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 141, §2, is  
8 amended to read:

9 **23-A. Public preschool program.** "Public preschool program" means a program  
10 offered by a public school or a Head Start agency that provides instruction to children  
11 who are 4 years of age.

12 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §1, sub-§46** is enacted to read:

13 **46. Head Start agency.** "Head Start agency" means a program designated as a Head  
14 Start agency by the Federal Government under 42 United States Code, Section 9836.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill amends the definitions of "elementary school" and "public preschool  
17 program" to include federally recognized Head Start agency programs.