

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 352

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND THREE.

AN ACT to amend section 1 of chapter 185 of the Public Laws
of 1901, relating to truants.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 185 of the Public Laws of
2 nineteen hundred and one is hereby amended by striking out
3 the words in the first and second lines, "ages of seven and
4 fourteen inclusive," and inserting in their place 'seventh and
5 fifteenth anniversaries of his birth,' so that said section as
6 amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 1. Every child between the seventh and fifteenth
8 anniversaries of his birth shall attend some public day school
9 during the time such school is in session; provided that neces-

10 sary absence may be excused by the superintending school
11 committee or superintendent of schools or teachers acting by
12 direction of either; provided also, that such attendance shall
13 not be required if the child obtained equivalent instruction,
14 for a like period of time, in an approved private school or in
15 any other manner approved by the superintending school
16 committee; provided, further, that children shall not be
17 credited with attendance at a private school until a certificate
18 showing their names, residence and attendance at such school
19 signed by the person or persons having such school in charge,
20 shall be filed with the school officials of the town in which said
21 children reside; and provided, further, that the superintending
22 school committee may exclude from the public schools any
23 child whose physical or mental condition makes it inexpedient
24 for him to attend.'

All persons having children under their control shall cause
26 them to attend school as provided in this section, and for
27 every neglect of such duty shall forfeit a sum not exceeding
28 twenty-five dollars, to the treasurer of the city or town or
29 shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 13, 1903.

Reported by Mr. THOMPSON of Orono, from Committee on Education,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*