

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 188

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT relating to the welfare of school children.

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

Section 1. When a teacher becomes aware or suspects that  
2 any of the pupils attending his school are in a condition which  
3 renders them a source of offense or danger to the other pu-  
4 pils in school on account of filthiness, or because they are  
5 the bearers of vermin or parasites, or have an infection or  
6 contagious disease of the skin, mouth or eyes, he shall notify  
7 the superintendent of schools, and when a superintendent  
8 of schools knows or learns that any of the pupils attending  
9 any school within his jurisdiction, are affected with any of  
10 the conditions, infections, or diseases herein mentioned, he  
11 shall notify the parents to cleanse the clothing and the bodies

12 of the children and to furnish them with the required home  
13 or medical treatment, for the relief of their trouble, and the  
14 superintendent of schools may, when he deems it necessary,  
15 exclude such children from the schools temporarily or until  
16 they may be cured, cleansed and disinfected.

Sect. 2. Parents thus notified of the condition of their  
2 children shall forthwith have them and their clothing cleansed  
3 and shall promptly do what is necessary, or furnish them  
4 such medical treatment as may be required, to rid the chil-  
5 dren of vermin, parasites, or contagion; and any parent who  
6 fails to do what is required so that the children may return  
7 to school with as little loss of time as is possible shall be  
8 guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine not to  
9 exceed five dollars for the first offence and not to exceed ten  
10 dollars for a second or subsequent offense.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

February 16, 1909.

Reported by Mr. MILLIKEN from Committee on Education  
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.