

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 210

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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 to amend section forty-nine of Chapter fifteen of the  
Revised Statutes relating to Public Schools.

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Section 1. Section forty-nine of Chapter fifteen of the  
2 revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word  
3 "birth" in line two thereof the words "and every child be-  
4 tween the fifteenth and seventeenth anniversaries who can-  
5 not read at sight and write legible simple sentences in the  
6 English language" so that the said section as amended shall  
7 read as follows:

Sect. 49. Every child between the seventh and fifteenth  
9 anniversaries of his birth and every child between the fif-  
10 tenth and seventeenth anniversaries who cannot read at

11 sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English  
12 language shall attend some public day school during the time  
13 such school is in session, and an absence therefrom of one-  
14 half day or more shall be deemed a violation of this re-  
15 quirement; provided that necessary absence may be excused  
16 by the superintending school committee or superintendent of  
17 schools or teachers acting by the direction of either; pro-  
18 vided also, that such attendance shall not be required if the  
19 child obtained an equivalent instruction, for a like period of  
20 time, in an approved private school or in any other manner  
21 approved by the superintending school committee; provided,  
22 further, that children shall not be credited with attendance  
23 at a private school until a certificate showing their names,  
24 residence and attendance at such school signed by the per-  
25 son or persons having such school in charge, shall be filed  
26 with the school official of the town in which said children  
27 reside; and provided, further, that the superintending school  
28 committee may exclude from the public schools any child  
29 whose physical or mental condition makes it inexpedient for  
30 him to attend. All persons having children under their con-  
31 trol shall cause them to attend school as provided in this sec-  
32 tion, and for every neglect of such duty shall be punished by  
33 a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars or shall be impris-  
34 oned not exceeding thirty days.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

February 17, 1909.

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

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*