

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE **NO. 16**

House of Representatives, Jan. 20, 1921.

On motion of Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls, tabled pending reference and 300 copies ordered printed.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Maxwell of East Livermore.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Section Sixty-six of Chapter Sixteen of
the Revised Statutes, to Increase the School Age Limit.

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

Section sixty-six of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes
2 is hereby amended by striking out the word "fifteenth" in
3 the first line, and inserting in place thereof the word 'six-
4 teenth', so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Every child between the seventh and sixteenth anniver-
2 saries of his birth and every child between the fifteenth and
3 seventeenth anniversaries who cannot read at sight and write
4 legibly simple sentences in the English language, shall at-
5 tend some public day school during the time such school

6 is in session, and an absence therefrom of one-half day or
7 more shall be deemed a violation of this requirement; pro-
8 vided, that necessary absence may be excused by the super-
9 intending school committee or superintendent of schools or
10 teachers acting by the direction of either; provided, also,
11 that such attendance shall not be required if the child ob-
12 tained equivalent instruction, for a like period of time, in
13 an approved private school or in any other manner approved
14 by the superintending school committee; provided, further,
15 that children shall not be credited with attendance at a pri-
16 vate school until a certificate showing their names, residence
17 and attendance at such school signed by the person or per-
18 sons having such school in charge, shall be filed with the
19 school officials of the town in which said children reside;
20 and provided, further, that the superintending school com-
21 mittee may exclude from the public schools any child whose
22 physical or mental condition makes it inexpedient for him
23 to attend. All persons having children under their control
24 shall cause them to attend school as provided in this section,
25 and for every neglect of such duty shall be punished by a
26 fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars or shall be imprisoned
27 not exceeding thirty days.'