

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 95**

House of Representatives, February 11, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Houghton from Committee on Education  
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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

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

Section sixty-six of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes  
2 as amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-two of  
3 the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is hereby fur-  
4 ther amended by inserting after the word "language" in  
5 the fifth line thereof the words 'and every child between  
6 the fifteenth and sixteenth anniversaries who has not com-  
7 pleted the sixth grade of the elementary school,' so that  
8 the section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 66. Every child between the seventh and fifteenth  
2 anniversaries of his birth and every child between the fif-  
3 teenth and seventeenth anniversaries who cannot read at  
4 sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English  
5 language and every child between the fifteenth and sixteenth  
6 anniversaries who has not completed the sixth grade of  
7 the elementary school, shall attend some public day school  
8 during the time such school is in session, and an absence  
9 therefrom of one-half day or more shall be deemed a vio-  
10 lation of this requirement; provided, that necessary ab-  
11 sence may be excused by the superintending school com-  
12 mittee or superintendent of schools or teachers acting by  
13 the direction of either; provided, also, that such attend-  
14 ance shall not be required if the child obtained equivalent  
15 instruction, for a like period of time, in a private school  
16 in which the course of study and methods of instruction  
17 have been approved by the state superintendent of public  
18 schools, or in any other manner arranged for by the su-  
19 perintending school committee with the approval of the  
20 state superintendent of public schools; provided, further,  
21 that children shall not be credited with attendance at a  
22 private school until a certificate showing their names, resi-  
23 dence and attendance at such school, signed by the person  
24 or persons having such school in charge, shall be filed  
25 with the school officials of the town in which said children  
26 reside; and provided, further, that the superintending  
27 school committee may exclude from the public schools any  
28 child whose physical or mental condition makes it inex-

29 pedient for him to attend. All persons having children  
30 under their control shall cause them to attend school as  
31 provided in this section, and for every neglect of such duty  
32 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dol-  
33 lars or shall be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days.'