

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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S. P. No. 462

S. D. No. 177

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In Senate, March 10, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Barwise of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Provide for the Approval by the Commissioner  
of Education of Textbooks Used in Private Schools.

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

R. S., c. 16, sec. 66; 1919, c. 122; 1921, c. 5; relating to  
2 requiring children between certain ages to attend school  
3 unless excused or excluded by committee, amended. Sec-  
4 tion sixty-six of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes as  
5 amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-two of the  
6 public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen and chapter  
7 five of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty- one  
8 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "in-  
9 struction" in the fourteenth line thereof the words 'and

10 textbooks,' so that the section as amended shall read as  
11 follows:

'Sect. 66. Children between fifteen and sixteen who have  
2 not completed sixth grade of elementary school must at-  
3 tend school. Every child between the seventh and fifteenth  
4 anniversaries of his birth and every child between the fif-  
5 teenth and seventeenth anniversaries who cannot read at  
6 sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English lan-  
7 guage and every child between the fifteenth and sixteenth  
8 anniversaries who has not completed the sixth grade of the  
9 elementary school, shall attend some public day school dur-  
10 ing the time such school is in session, and an absence there-  
11 from of one-half day or more shall be deemed a violation  
12 of this requirement; provided, that necessary absence may  
13 be excused by the superintending school committee or su-  
14 perintendent of schools or teachers acting by the direction  
15 of either; provided, also, that such attendance shall not be  
16 required if the child obtained equivalent instruction, for a  
17 like period of time, in a private school in which the course  
18 of study and methods of instruction and textbooks have  
19 been approved by the state superintendent of public schools,  
20 or in any other manner arranged for by the superintending  
21 school committee with the approval of the state superin-  
22 tendent of public schools; provided, further, that children  
23 shall not be credited with attendance at a private school  
24 until a certificate showing their names, residence and at-  
25 tendance at such school signed by the person or persons

26 having such school in charge, shall be filed with the school  
27 officials of the town in which said children reside; and pro-  
28 vided, further, that the superintending school committee  
29 may exclude from the public schools any child whose physi-  
30 cal or mental condition makes it inexpedient for him to  
31 attend. All persons having children under their control  
32 shall cause them to attend school as provided in this sec-  
33 tion, and for every neglect of such duty shall be punished  
34 by a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars or shall be im-  
35 prisoned not exceeding **thirty days.**'