

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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Senate Document

No. 43

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S. P. 80

In Senate, Jan. 24, 1929.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Pinkham of Aroostook.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to the Disability of School Children.

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

Section forty-five of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes  
2 as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the  
3 whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following:

'Sect. 45. The superintending school committee of every  
2 city or town shall cause every child in the public schools to  
3 be separately and carefully tested and examined at least  
4 once in every school year, except as hereinafter provided,  
5 to ascertain whether he is suffering from defective sight, or  
6 hearing, or from any other disability or defect tending to

7 prevent his receiving the full benefit of his school work, or  
8 requiring a modification of the school work in order to pre-  
9 vent injury to the child or to secure the best educational  
10 results. Tests of sight and hearing shall be made by the  
11 teachers or by the school physicians or by such persons as  
12 are designated by the state commissioner of education.  
13 Tests of hearing shall be made by some mechanical appara-  
14 tus to be designated by the state commissioner of education  
15 and adequate to detect even slight degrees of hearing loss.  
16 Such tests of hearing shall be made before June one, nine-  
17 teen hundred thirty-three, and once every school year there-  
18 after, as far as practicable. The committee shall cause  
19 notice of any defect or disability requiring treatment to be  
20 sent to the parent or guardian of the child, and shall re-  
21 quire a physical record of each child to be kept in such form  
22 as the state commissioner of education shall prescribe after  
23 consultation with the state department of health.'