

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 17, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Education, sent down for concurrence, 2,000 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Tompkins of Aroostook.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Amend the Law Relating to School Age.**

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

**R. S., c. 19, § 32, amended.** Section 32 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 32. School age; kindergartens.** The age of pupils allowed to attend the public schools of the state is hereby fixed between the ages of ~~five~~ 6 and 21 years; and every child between the said ages shall have the right to attend the public schools in the town in which his parent or guardian has a legal residence, subject to such reasonable regulations as to the numbers and qualifications of pupils to be admitted to the respective schools and as to other school matters as the superintending school committee shall from time to time prescribe; provided, however, that the superintending school committee of any city or town may, and upon the filing with the municipal officers of such city or town of a petition not less than 1 month before the annual town meeting by the parents or guardians of 30 or more children between 4 and 6 years of age living within a mile of a public elementary school, shall, unless otherwise instructed by the town or city, maintain a kindergarten or kindergartens, **or other educational provisions for children of less than 6 years of age**, as a part of the common school course, and pupils ~~shall~~ **may** be allowed to attend such

a kindergarten or kindergartens upon reaching the age of 4 years; provided further, that unless the average daily attendance in any kindergarten shall be 15 or more for any school year the superintending school committee, upon the recommendation of the superintendent of schools, may discontinue the school; provided further, that no person shall be allowed to teach in any kindergarten maintained under the provisions of this section who has not completed at least a 2 years' course in kindergarten training or its equivalent and received a certificate or diploma from a recognized kindergarten training school approved by the commissioner of education.'