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House of Representatives, February 12, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Public Health. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Roundy of Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Transferring Maine School for the Deaf to Department of  
Education.**

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, §§ 162-A - 162-D, additional.** Chapter 37 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto 4 new sections to be numbered 162-A to 162-D, inclusive, to read as follows :

**‘Maine School for the Deaf**

**Sec. 162-A. Purpose.** Maine School for the Deaf, established by chapter 446 of the private and special laws of 1897, is to be devoted to the education and instruction of deaf and dumb children.

**Sec. 162-B. State to assume charge and expenses; government.** Said school shall be located at Portland, in the county of Cumberland, and the state shall have the entire charge, responsibility and expense of maintaining said school. The government of said school is vested in the department of education.

**Sec. 162-C. Powers and duties of department.** The department shall have charge of the general interests of said school and see that its affairs are conducted in accordance with law. It may employ officers, teachers and other employees as it may deem advisable and fix the compensation of the

same, subject to the approval of the governor and council; it may from time to time prescribe the system of education and course of study to be pursued in the school.

**Sec. 162-D. Admittance of children to school.** With the consent of its parent or guardian, the department may admit to said school for a term not exceeding 12 years, any deaf and dumb child residing in this state and not less than 5 years of age, who shall not be withdrawn or discharged from said school, except with the consent of the department or the governor and council, and the sums necessary for the support and instruction of such children while attending said school, shall be paid by the state.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 23, §§ 168-171, repealed.** Sections 168 to 171, inclusive, of chapter 23 of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.