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House of Representatives, February 2, 1955.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mrs. Mann of Paris.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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### AN ACT Relating to Conveyance of School Children.

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

**R. S., c. 41, § 14, amended.** The last 4 sentences of the 1st paragraph of section 14 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

'The superintendent of schools in each town shall procure the conveyance of all ~~elementary school pupils~~ **children of compulsory school attendance age** residing in his town, a part or the whole of the distance, to and from the nearest suitable school **in the town or to a contracting school**, for the number of weeks for which schools are maintained in each year, when such pupils reside at such a distance from the said school as in the judgment of the superintending school committee shall render such conveyance necessary. In all cases, conveyance so provided shall conserve the comfort, safety and welfare of the children conveyed and shall be in charge of a responsible driver who shall have control over the conduct of the children conveyed. Contracts for said conveyance may be made **by a superintendent of schools with approval of the superintending school committee** for a period not to exceed 3 years. **Whenever municipal ownership of school buses is deemed preferable by the superintending school committee, such equipment may be purchased by them to be used in lieu of contracting for conveyance, if special funds have been appropriated for the purpose or if sufficient unencumbered funds are available in the school maintenance account.** Provided, however, that the superintending school committee may authorize the superintendent of schools to pay the board of any pupil or pupils at a suitable place near any established school instead of providing conveyance for said pupil or pupils, when in their judgment it may be done at an equal or less expense than by conveyance.'