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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to School Age in Public Schools.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 44, repealed and replaced. Section 44 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 44. School age; kindergartens. In the public schools of the State only those children who are or will become 6 years of age on or before October 15th of the school year shall be admitted to grade one.

In schools which offer a one-year childhood education program prior to grade one, only those children who will be 5 years of age on or before October 15th of the school year shall be admitted.

In schools which offer a two-year childhood education program prior to grade one, only those children who will be 4 years of age on or before October 15th of the school year shall be admitted. All children who have been enrolled in one or more years of childhood education programs prior to grade one before the effective date of this act shall be allowed to continue regular advancement notwithstanding the provisions of this act.

Subject to the foregoing provisions and further subject to such reasonable regulations as the superintending school committee shall from time to time prescribe, every person between the ages of 5 and 21 shall have the right to attend the public schools in the town in which his parent or guardian has residence.'

Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall become effective July 1, 1956.