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LAWS  
OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED BY THE  
One Hundred and Sixth Legislature  
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SECTION 164, SUBSECTION 6.

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2. **Moisture content test.** The State Sealer of Weights and Measures shall, after a public hearing preceded by at least 2 weeks' notice in the state paper, adopt and promulgate a wood moisture content test or tests to determine the standard or standards as defined in section 2363, subsection 1.

§ 2364. Standards for butt scale

The State Sealer of Weights and Measures shall, after a public hearing preceded by at least 2 weeks' notice in the state paper, adopt and promulgate a standard butt scale which shall be used for all butt scaling permitted under section 2362, subsection 2.

§ 2365. Standards for measurement

The State Sealer of Weights and Measures may, after a public hearing preceded by at least 2 weeks' notice in the state paper, adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations concerning the standards for measurement of wood established under this subchapter and the administration and use of those standards as are necessary to ensure that those standards conform to contemporary knowledge and practice concerning the measurement of wood to be sold and to ensure that those standards may be efficiently and conveniently applied in transactions in Maine involving the sale of wood as defined in this subchapter.

§ 2366. Appeal procedure

Any person aggrieved by any final decision of the State Sealer of Weights and Measures upon any matter arising out of the operation of this subchapter, may within 30 days after notice of such decision, appeal therefrom to the Superior Court of Kennebec County by filing a notice of appeal stating the points of the appeal with the clerk of courts and the Sealer of Weights and Measures.

**Sec. 2. Effective date.** The provisions of section 2362 shall become effective after 60 days from the promulgation of the standards as required in sections 2363, 2364 and 2365 by the State Sealer of Weights and Measures and the filing thereof with the Secretary of State. The State Sealer of Weights and Measures shall promulgate said standards as expeditiously as possible.

Effective October 1, 1975 except as otherwise indicated

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## CHAPTER 599

### AN ACT Relating to School Dropouts and to Potential School Dropouts.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 917 is enacted to read:

§ 917. School dropouts and potential dropouts

1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings.

A. Recent dropout. "Recent dropout" means any dropout who has voluntarily withdrawn from elementary or secondary school within the 3 years from a specified date.

B. School dropout. "School dropout" means any pupil who, having been enrolled in a public junior or senior high school in this State, has voluntarily withdrawn from attendance at that elementary or secondary school.

2. Positive action committee. Each school administrative unit in the State shall establish a positive action committee, hereinafter referred to as "the committee," which shall convene at a location within the boundaries of that unit no later than October 1, 1975.

3. Membership. Each committee shall include within its membership the following persons:

A. A member of the school administrative unit's school board or school committee, who shall be selected by that board or committee;

B. One secondary school teacher and one secondary school guidance counselor employed within the school administrative unit, both of whom shall be selected by the local teacher's organization;

C. At least 2 junior and 2 senior high school students currently enrolled within the school administrative unit. The students shall be selected by the membership of the committee;

D. One school administrator employed by that school administrative unit who shall be selected by the superintendent of that unit;

E. Three dropouts who have voluntarily withdrawn from a public junior or senior high school within 3 years from the time they become members of the committee. These dropouts shall be selected by the membership of the committee based upon recommendations submitted to the committee by such state-wide youth organizations as Neighborhood Youth Corps, Upward Bound and Project Talent Search which deal with dropouts.

F. Two parents having children enrolled within junior or senior high schools within the school administrative unit who shall be selected by the Parent Teacher Association, Citizens Advisory Council or other recognized parent group; and

G. Two residents of a community or communities within the school administrative unit who are not parents of students currently enrolled in a junior or senior high school of the unit, who shall be selected by the other membership of the Positive Action Committee. Members of the committee shall each serve for a term of 2 years. At the expiration of their term, they may be reappointed if they meet the qualifications for their membership and if the person or body originally appointing to that membership so desires. Vacancies in membership shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

4. Duties.

A. Development of the plan. The committee shall develop a specific plan to deal with the problem of school dropouts and potential dropouts in its

school administrative unit. The plan shall be presented to the unit's school board or school committee for adoption as part of the policy of the unit. Should the school board or school committee reject the plan, the positive action committee shall have the right to revise the plan for presentation to the school board or school committee. A plan shall be finally adopted and shall be filed with the Department of Educational and Cultural Services no later than December 31, 1976.

B. Plan review. The committee shall convene at least yearly after the submission of its original plan to its school administrative unit in order to review the effectiveness of the plan and shall amend the plan where necessary.

C. Contents of plan. The committee shall study the following areas and deal with these areas in constructing its plan:

- (1) The reasons which cause pupils to drop out of junior or senior high school;
- (2) A possible development system of ongoing contact with recent dropouts for the purpose of supplying services in the area of educational and career opportunities with emphasis, where possible, on the development of such specific programs as GED, adult education, tutorial services, job training, counseling and referral services;
- (3) Development of orientation and in-service training for teachers and administrators in the school administrative unit which sensitizes and develops an understanding of the dropout problem;
- (4) Utilization of human service programs within the community's private and public social service agencies to service the community's dropouts;
- (5) School policy dealing with due process and suspension, expulsion and other forms of disciplinary action; and
- (6) Attitudes and practices within the school system which may, intentionally or unintentionally discriminate against students because of ethnic, sex, racial or economic background.

5. Technical assistance. The Department of Educational and Cultural Services shall provide reasonable technical assistance upon request to any committee which determines that such assistance is necessary in order for it to be able to carry out its duties under this section.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services the sum of \$2,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Unallocated	\$1,000	\$1,000