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termination of past support must comply with chapter 63.

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**CHAPTER 143
S.P. 155 - L.D. 468**

**An Act To Amend the Laws
Governing Compulsory School
Attendance**

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5052-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 415, §21, is amended to read:

3. Duties. The duties of an attendance coordinator ~~shall~~ include, but are not ~~be~~ limited to, the following:

- A. When notified by a principal that a student's attendance is irregular, interviewing the student and the parent or parents or guardian or guardians to determine the cause of the irregular attendance and file a written report with the principal;
- B. Filing an annual report with the superintendent summarizing school year activities, findings and recommendations regarding truants; ~~and~~
- C. Serving as a member of the dropout prevention committee in accordance with section 5103-; and
- D. Serving as the liaison between the school and the local law enforcement agency in matters pertaining to student absenteeism under sections 5001-A and 5051-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 144
S.P. 83 - L.D. 246**

**An Act To Protect the
Solemnity and Dignity of a
Funeral or Memorial Service in
Maine**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Legislature recognizes that the State has an immediate interest in balancing the rights of the bereaved to mourn peacefully at funerals with others' rights to free expression; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §16, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 1979, c. 127, §125, is further amended to read:

A. Any of the Class D or Class E crimes described in sections 207; 209; 211; 254; 255; 501, subsection 2; 503; 501-A, subsection 1, paragraph B; 751; 806; or 1002.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §501, as amended by PL 1995, c. 258, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §501-A is enacted to read:

§501-A. Disorderly conduct

1. A person is guilty of disorderly conduct if:

A. In a public place, the person intentionally or recklessly causes annoyance to others by intentionally:

- (1) Making loud and unreasonable noises;
- (2) Activating a device, or exposing a substance, that releases noxious and offensive odors; or
- (3) Engaging in fighting, without being licensed or privileged to do so;

B. In a public or private place, the person knowingly accosts, insults, taunts or challenges any person with offensive, derisive or annoying words, or by gestures or other physical conduct, that would in fact have a direct tendency to cause a violent response by an ordinary person in the