

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

—
H.P. 408 - L.D. 631

An Act to Change the Notification Law for School Truancy

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5051-A, sub-§2, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. Notwithstanding paragraph C, a superintendent may make 2 documented attempts to serve or cause to be served upon a parent the written notice and may serve or cause to be served or attempt to serve or cause to be served upon a parent the written notice by certified mail instead of registered mail.

This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2025.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5051-A, sub-§2, ¶D-1 is enacted to read:

D-1. Prior to notifying the local law enforcement department under paragraph E-1, the superintendent shall schedule at least one meeting as required under paragraph B-1 and may invite a local prosecutor.

This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2025.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §5051-A, sub-§2, ¶E-1 is enacted to read:

E-1. If, after 3 school days after the 2nd attempted service of the notice referred to in paragraph C-1, the student remains truant and the parent and student refuse to attend the meeting scheduled according to paragraph D-1, the superintendent shall report the facts of the unlawful absence to the local law enforcement department, which may proceed with an action to enforce section 5053-A against the parent unless the student is at once placed in an appropriate school or otherwise meets the requirements under section 5001-A.

This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2025.