

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

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H.P. 565 - L.D. 785

**An Act To Improve Safety and Traffic Efficiency near School Grounds**

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

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2091-A** is enacted to read:

**§2091-A. School crossing guards**

**1. Qualifications.** A school crossing guard is qualified to direct traffic if the school crossing guard:

A. Is 18 years of age or older;

B. Is under the control of a local law enforcement agency;

C. Has completed training approved by the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards in controlling traffic on a public way and as described by section 2091, subsection 2 to perform any traffic direction duties to which the school crossing guard is assigned as prescribed by the local law enforcement agency that has control over the school crossing guard;

D. Is wearing an appropriate uniform as specified by the local law enforcement agency that has control over the school crossing guard; and

E. Is directing traffic in an intersection with a marked crosswalk on a public way.

**2. Obeying school crossing guards.** An operator of a motor vehicle shall obey a hand signal or handheld traffic control device of a school crossing guard qualified under subsection 1. A violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction.

**3. Assisting pedestrians.** This section does not prohibit a school crossing guard who does not meet the specifications described in subsection 1 from assisting a pedestrian to cross a public way, as long as the school crossing guard does not attempt to do so by directing traffic.

**4. Restrictions.** A school crossing guard may not contradict or override a lighted traffic control device or pedestrian control device or cause a pedestrian or motor vehicle to violate the provisions of section 2057.