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COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

TASK FORCE ON LEARNING DISABILITIES

NO. ____5-71 DATE ____May 17, 1971

This order creates the Maine Task Force on Learning Disabilities.

The Task Force shall include citizens, professional educators, and physicians.

The purpose of the Task Force is:

To study the extent of the problem of children with learning difficulties in Maine.

To promote an understanding of children with learning disabilities.

To promote the development of special education for children with learning disabilities.

To promote education for teachers that they may understand the learning disabilities problem and its solutions.

To recommend to the Governor, such legislation as may be necessary to provide adequate educational services to children with learning disabilities.

To promote such understanding and legislation as may be necessary to advance the education and general welfare of learning disabled children and youth.

By October 1, 1972, the Task Force shall submit, to the Governor, a written report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to assist in preparing legislation and budget recommendations for the 106th Legislature.

The Task Force shall have the necessary authority to carry out the purposes of this order and to hold public hearings if necessary. Executive and staff members of all State agencies are directed to cooperate fully as requested in carrying out this study.

The chairman of the Task Force shall be Dr. Harold Kearney.

Clerical assistance will be provided by the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Maine, Youth Education Specialists Office.

The members of the Task Force shall serve without special compensation.

Toward So. Custis KENNETH M. CURTIS

Governor