

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 388

House of Representatives, Mar. 12, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Smith from Committee on State School for Boys, State School for Girls and Women's Reformatory and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Smith of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT to Amend Chapter one hundred forty-two, Section sixty-five, of the Revised Statutes, relating to the care of children of women committed to the Reformatory for Women.

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

Chapter one hundred forty-two, section sixty-five, of the
2 revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words
3 "at a rate not to exceed two and a half dollars a week." so
4 that said section as so amended shall read:

'Sect. 65. Care of children of women committed. 1915, c.
2 206. §10. If any woman committed to said reformatory is,

3 at the time of her commitment, the mother of a nursing child
4 in her care and under one year of age, or is pregnant with
5 child which shall be born after such commitment, such
6 woman may retain such child in said reformatory until it
7 shall be two years of age, when it must be removed there-
8 from. The board of trustees may cause such child to be
9 placed in any asylum for children in this state and pay for
10 the care and maintenance of such child therein until the
11 mother of such child shall have been discharged, or may
12 commit such child to the care and custody of some relative or
13 proper person willing to assume such care. If such woman,
14 at the time of such commitment, shall be the mother of and
15 have under her exclusive care, a child more than one year of
16 age, which might be otherwise left without proper care or
17 guardianship, the magistrate committing such woman shall
18 cause such child to be committed to such asylum as may be
19 provided by law for such purposes, or to the care and cus-
20 tody of some relative or proper person willing to assume
21 such care. Any commitment of a child under the provisions
22 of this section to the custody of any asylum for children or
23 to any relative or other person, shall be subject to the pro-
24 visions of section fifty-six of chapter sixty-four.