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Legislatures

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Eighty-ninth Legislature

1939

Chapter 153

AN ACT Relating to Support of Child Committed to Custodial Agency by Municipal Courts.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 118, § 5, amended. That part designated 5-C of section 5 of chapter 118 of the public laws of 1933, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 5-C. Support of child committed to custodial agency. Whenever a child under the age of 17 years is committed by the court to custody other than that of its parent ~~and no provision is otherwise made by law for the support of such child, compensation for the care of such child, when approved by order of the court, shall be paid by the state, such commitment shall be subject to the provisions of sections 205, 206, and 207 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933.~~ But the court may, after giving a parent a reasonable opportunity to be heard, adjudge that such parent shall pay in such manner as the court may direct such sum as will cover in whole or in part the support of such child, and if such parent shall wilfully fail or refuse to pay such sum he may be proceeded against as provided by law for cases of desertion or failure to provide subsistence.'

Approved April 1, 1939.

Chapter 154

AN ACT Relating to Custodial Care of Children.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 205, amended. Section 205 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 205. Orders of court to divest parent of legal rights, but not to relieve of responsibility for support; appeal; condition of child may be investigated and decree altered; guardianship. Orders and decrees provided for in the preceding 4 sections shall have the same effect to divest the parent or parents of all legal rights in respect to said child as specified in section 38 of chapter 80, but shall not relieve the parent or parents of liability for the support of such child or from the penalties for failure to support which are provided in sections 44, 45, 46, 47 and 48 of chapter 129. Such original orders shall not extend beyond the time when the child shall reach the age of 18 years; but upon application by the department the court, for sufficient cause, may extend such orders to the