

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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MAINE YOUTH COMMISSION

WHEREAS, better communication between youth and government is needed and deemed desirable by both; and

WHEREAS, the complexity of programs and services available to youth requires increased coordination of various Federal, State and local government and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the 18-year-old vote reflects a new national willingness for greater youth participation in all aspects of our society; and

WHEREAS, Maine's young people through the Rural Youth Corps and the Governor's Youth Task Force, have demonstrated willingness and ability to identify problems facing them and the ability to work toward solutions to those problems through the political system; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Youth Task Force has presented a responsible and relevant report with recommendations that deserve follow-up;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, as Governor of the State of Maine, create the Maine Youth Commission.

PURPOSE:

1. Assisting where appropriate, existing local, State and Federal programs which are concerned with youth.
2. Report current and projected problems of youth.
3. Formulate recommendations and/or plans which will resolve those problems.
4. Provide youth with a means for analyzing and working effectively with State government in the resolution of their problems.

5. Serve as advocates for the Youth of Maine.
6. Evaluate the effectiveness of current programs in the areas of education, training, and others involving young people.
7. Conduct public information projects to inform the public about programs and problems of, and for Maine Youth.

MEMBERSHIP:

The membership of the Youth Commission shall include representatives from the Legislature, youth-related State agencies, educators, citizens and youth, to be appointed by the Governor. A majority of the Commission shall be composed of members between the ages of 15 and 24. Each State agency member should appoint an alternate to represent him at any Commission meeting he cannot attend.

ORGANIZATION:


The Chairman of the Youth Commission shall be George R. Ezzy, State Youth Coordinator who will serve the Commission for the Executive Department.

The Commission may establish subcommittees for any of the areas of its work.

Professional and supportive services for the Commission will be provided by the Youth Coordinator and Rural Youth Corps staffs.

The Commission is authorized to request any State department or agency to provide such facilities, personnel, financial assistance and data as will help the Commission fulfill its responsibilities. All agencies of State government are directed to cooperate fully with the Commission in carrying out its duties.

This Order shall become effective immediately.

  
KENNETH M. CURTIS  
Governor of Maine