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ONE-HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 322 In Senate, January 31, 1961 Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Stilphen of Knox.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Creating a Committee to Plan for an Institution Serving as a Reception and Treatment Center.

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

- **Sec. 1. Committee.** A committee to plan for an institution serving as a reception and treatment center within the Department of Mental Healh and Corrections is created, to consist of 3 Senators and 3 Representatives appointed respectively by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.
- Sec. 2. Duties of the committee. It shall be the duty of the committee to: Determine the operational units needed in a physical plant to implement the purpose and program in the type of institution proposed; determine the size of the facility in terms of ultimate design capacity; determine the best site for the institution in terms of purpose, program and physical plant; employ an architect or architects to translate into plans, specifications and cost estimates the thinking of the committee. The committee shall report to the 101st Legislature with plans, specifications and cost estimates and the location of such institution. Planning, specifications and cost estimates shall be complete to the extent that, if the 101st Legislature should appropriate the necessary funds such institution could be constructed on the basis of plans, specifications and costs.
- **Sec. 3. Federal funds.** The committee is authorized and empowered to accept federal funds for such planning under the Housing Act of 1954, Public Law 560, Title 7.
- **Sec. 4. Expenses.** The members of the committee shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$5,000 to carry out the purposes of this act. Said appropriation shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1963.