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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 351

S. P. 124

In Senate, January 16, 1963

Referred to Committee on State Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Campbell of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Creating a Bureau of Corrections Within Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 27, §§ 93-A - 93-B, additional. Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding 2 new sections, to be numbered 93-A and 93-B, to read as follows:

'Bureau of Corrections

Sec. 93-A. Bureau of Corrections; purpose. There is created within the Department of Mental Health and Corrections a Bureau of Corrections.

The Bureau of Corrections shall be responsible for the direction, supervision and coordination of the correctional programs at and pertaining to the training centers and correctional and penal institutions within the department.

Sec. 93-B. Director; duties. The commissioner shall appoint, subject to the Personnel Law, a Director of Corrections. The director shall be a person with substantial educational background in behavioral and social sciences and shall have substantial pertinent administrative and organizational experience and ability. It shall be the duty of the director, under the administrative direction of the commissioner, to carry out the purposes of the bureau.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 27-A, § 2, amended. The first 3 sentences of section 2 of chapter 27-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 387 of the public laws of 1957, and as amended, are further amended to read as follows:

~~'There is created within the Department of Institutional Service a State Probation and Parole Board consisting~~ **A State Probation and Parole Board, as heretofore created within the Department of Mental Health and Corrections and hereinafter in this chapter called the "board" shall consist of 3 members who are citizens and residents of the State. Two of the members shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, from persons with special training or experience in law, sociology, psychology or related branches of social science. ~~The Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections shall be ex officio a member of the board, except that he may appoint any suitable person from his department to serve during his pleasure, in his absence, as a member of the board, but in no case longer than his term of office as commissioner~~ The Director of the Board of Corrections shall be ex officio a member of the board and shall act in the capacity of consultant to the board in matters relating to the functions of the Bureau of Corrections. In the absence of the Director of the Bureau of Corrections or in the event that he is unable at any time to serve as a member of the Probation and Parole Board, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections may appoint a suitable person from the department to serve in the place of the Director of the Bureau of Corrections as a member of the board.'**

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Bureau of Corrections from the General Fund the sum of \$18,553 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964 and \$17,555 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965 to carry out the purposes of this act.

The breakdown of the above appropriations shall be as follows :

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS

	1963-64	1964-65
Bureau of Corrections		
Personal Services (2)	\$12,558	\$13,455
All Other	3,900	3,900
Capital Expenditures	2,095	200
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	\$18,553	\$17,555.