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No. 1299

H. P. 894

House of Representatives, February 13, 1963

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Kilroy of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT to Provide for a State Committee on Children and Youth.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after the Legislature adjourns unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Committee on Children and Youth was reactivated by private and special laws, 1961, chapter 210, and will cease to exist unless the following legislation is enacted; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the problems of Maine's children and youth be further studied in order to solve said problems; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25-D, additional. The Revised Statutes are amended by adding a new chapter 25-D, to read as follows:

'Chapter 25-D.

State Committee on Children and Youth.

Sec. 1. State Committee on Children and Youth, created. The Governor shall appoint a committee of 20 members consisting of one each from the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Departments of Education, Health and Wel-

fare, Mental Health and Corrections and 15 representative citizens, 2 of whom shall be youths. The Governor shall designate the chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties of the committee. The State Committee on Children and Youth shall study the recommendations of the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. It shall study the needs of, and services to, children and youth throughout the State and shall serve as a clearing house of information with respect to these needs and services. On the basis of knowledge so gained and documented, it shall suggest, recommend and promote the well-being of children, using such means, among others, as promotion of needed legislation and appropriations, strengthening of public administration and personnel resources and closer correlation among all governmental, voluntary agencies and citizen groups serving children and youth.

It shall provide a means for youth to express themselves and present their opinions to our legislative body.

It shall provide leadership and consultant service to area committees on children and youth in the development of area programs.

Sec. 3. Authority to appoint executive secretary and appoint subcommittees. The State Committee on Children and Youth is authorized to employ with the Maine Committee on Aging, under the Personnel Law, such staff as may be necessary to carry out its duties and activities. Such staff shall act as the staff for this committee and the Committee on Aging. Costs and services of such staff shall be shared equally between the 2 committees.

The committee is authorized to appoint subcommittees as needed to carry out its duties.

Sec. 4. Time of meetings and expenses. The committee shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the chairman not less than 8 times each biennium. The members of the committee or authorized subcommittees shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 5. Report. It shall biennially report to the Governor and to the Legislature.'

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964 and \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965 to be expended in the furtherance of the objectives of this act ; the breakdown of which shall be as follows :

	1963-64	1964-65
COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH		
Personal Services	(1) \$ 4,860	(1) \$ 5,098
All Other	9,640	9,402
Capital Expenditures	500	500
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	\$15,000	\$15,000

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect on July 1, 1963.