

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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JEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Kilroy of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Reactivating the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth.**

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**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 the private and special laws of 1963, chapter 197, 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. Governor's Committee on Children and Youth, reactivated.** 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 Welfare, Mental Health and Corrections, Labor and Industry and 14 representative citizens, 2 of whom shall be youths. The Governor shall designate the chairman.

**Sec. 2. Duties of the committee.** The Governor's Committee on Children and Youth 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. Clerical assistance.** The committee may employ clerical assistance when justified and appoint and organize 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. Such expenses shall be governed by the rules and regulations covering all state departments.

**Sec. 5. Report.** It shall complete its study and report to the Governor and the 103rd Legislature during the legislative session.

**Sec. 6. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965 and \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1965.