

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 808

S. P. 259

In Senate, February 2, 1965

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Carter of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Permanently Establish a Maine Commission on Retardation.

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

Whereas, the problem of the mentally retarded is of vital importance to the welfare of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the following legislation become effective immediately so that efforts may be continued to solve this problem; 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., T. 34, c. 182, additional. Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 182 to read as follows:

'CHAPTER 182

MAINE COMMISSION ON RETARDATION

Sec. 2021. Composition of commission. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a Commission on Retardation consisting of 9 members and shall designate the chairman, who shall serve for 3 years. Of the first appointments, 3 shall be appointed for one year, 3 for 2 years and 3 for

3 years. Thereafter appointments shall be made for 3 years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term.

Sec. 2022. Duties of commission. The Commission on Retardation shall continue the study of Maine's mentally retarded begun by the Citizens Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded. The commission shall provide leadership and stimulation, at the state and local level, for the many organizations that are interested in the problems of the mentally retarded in Maine. It shall distribute materials, provide information and furnish speakers at request.

Sec. 2023. Appointment of executive secretary, duties. The commission shall appoint an executive secretary of the commission. Said executive secretary shall be a person with administrative experience and experience in dealing with problems of the mentally retarded and shall serve in the capacity of coordinator of state and local services for the mentally retarded.

Sec. 2024. Time of meetings; expenses. Said commission shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the chairman. The members shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.'

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$15,345 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and \$16,329 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967 to carry out the purposes of this Act according to the following breakdown:

MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Commission on Retardation	1965-66	1966-67
Personal Services	(2) \$10,065	(2) \$10,592
All Other	5,170	5,543
Capital	110	194
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	\$15,345	\$16,329

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