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No. 1841

H. P. 1312

House of Representatives, January 9, 1968

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hennessey of West Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-EIGHT

AN ACT Establishing the Bureau of Mental Retardation.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, C. 184, additional. Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 184 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 184

BUREAU OF MENTAL RETARDATION

§ 2061. Bureau of Mental Retardation

The Department of Mental Health and Corrections shall be responsible for the direction of mental retardation programs in the institutions of the department and shall be responsible for the planning, promotion, coordination and development of a complete and integrated state-wide program for the mentally retarded and shall serve as liaison, coordinator and consultant to the several state departments in accomplishing the provision of such comprehensive services. There is created within the department a Bureau of Mental Retardation to carry out these responsibilities.

§ 2062. Director of Mental Retardation

The Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections shall appoint, subject to the Personnel Law, a Director of Mental Retardation. The director shall be a qualified specialist in the field of mental retardation with administrative and organizational experience and ability. The director shall carry out duties

assigned by the commissioner in accordance with the responsibilities of the department for mental retardation programs.

§ 2063. **Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded; duties**

There shall be a Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded composed of 12 members, consisting of one member from the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House and one member from the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, the President of the Maine Association for Retarded Children, and 9 representative citizens appointed by the Governor, who shall designate a chairman. Of the first gubernatorial appointments 3 shall be for one year, 3 for 2 years and 3 for 3 years. Thereafter appointments shall be made for 3 years. Members of the committee shall serve without pay but will be reimbursed for expenses on the same basis as state employees.

The duties of the Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded shall be to act in an advisory capacity to the commissioner and to the Director of the Bureau of Mental Retardation in assessing present programs, planning future programs and in developing means to meet the needs of the retarded in Maine.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health & Corrections, Bureau of Mental Retardation, the sum of \$41,055 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Mental Retardation		1968-69
Director, Bureau of Mental Retardation	(Grade 41)	\$18,382
Assistant for Training and Community Development	(Grade 26)	10,452
Clerk-Steno II		4,446
	Total Personal Services	\$33,280
All Other		7,200
Capital Expenditures		575
Total		\$41,055