

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1297

S. P. 385

In Senate, March 12, 1969

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

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Logan of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

AN ACT Providing for a Legislative Program Evaluation Division.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 3, § 163, sub-§ 7-A, additional. Section 163 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 7-A, to read as follows:

7-A. Divisions. The Director of Legislative Research shall organize his office into 2 divisions as follows:

A. Program Evaluation Division. Program Evaluation Division, the head of which shall be an assistant director.

B. Statutes, Drafting and Research Division. Statutes, Drafting and Research Division, the head of which shall be an assistant director.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 3, § 164, sub-§ 10-A, additional. Section 164 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new subsection 10-A, to read as follows:

10-A. Program evaluation.

A. Continuously investigate and evaluate all programs and activities authorized by the Legislature and the activities and administration of all commissions, committees, authorities, agencies, bureaus and departments for which money is appropriated or allocated by the Legislature in order to obtain information for the use of the legislative branch of government in establishing a sound fiscal and administrative policy for the State and to determine the effectiveness, adequacy, applicability, efficiency and utility of the programs and activities. The director shall not investigate the activities of the office of the Governor, his staff, the Executive Council nor any courts.

B. Apply all modern business and accounting techniques, including but not limited to cost effectiveness, systems analysis and statistical analysis in pursuing the functions herein described.

C. Conduct research to improve the techniques of program and administration evaluation.

D. Conduct special investigations and evaluations at the request of the committee.

E. Recommend the expansion, continuance, discontinuance or alteration of programs, bodies or activities if, in the judgment of the director, the findings warrant.

F. Report any evidence of fraud or misconduct to the Attorney General and the Governor.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 3, § 164, sub-§ 12, amended. Subsection 12 of section 164 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

12. Assistants. The director shall appoint, with the approval of the Legislative Research Committee, an assistant director for the Statutes, Drafting and Research Division and an assistant director for the Program Evaluation Division and such technical assistants, and shall appoint, subject to the Personnel Law, such clerical assistants, as may be necessary to carry out this chapter. He may employ consultants and other technical advisors as necessary.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Legislative Research Committee for the purposes of implementing this Act the sum of \$100,000 from the General Fund. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1969-70	1970-71
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMITTEE		
Personal Services	(4) \$21,000	(4) \$28,500
All Other	17,000	31,300
Capital Expenditures	2,000	200
	<hr/> \$40,000	<hr/> \$60,000

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The members of the Legislature have neither the time nor the resources to adequately evaluate the many programs and governmental activities in operation in this State. This Act would provide such evaluation, and implement the original intent of the Legislative Research Office.