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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT to Create the Department of Human Services.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, Part 10, additional. Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new Part 10 to read as follows:

PART 10

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

CHAPTER 317

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

§ 3501. Department; commissioner

There is created and established the Department of Human Services, to maximize the human capabilities of the people of the State of Maine by developing, organizing and applying the health, medical and social services for the prevention or amelioration of conditions disadvantageous to the achievement of individual, group or community potentials to consist of a Commissioner of Human Services, who shall be a person qualified by education and experience as a specialist in management administration, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and Council, hereinafter in this part called the commissioner, and the following as heretofore created and established: The Department of Health and Welfare, the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, the Committee on Children and Youth, the Governor's Advisory Council on the Status of Women, the Committee on Aging.

The Governor Baxter State School for the Deaf and the Division of Sanitary Engineering of the Department of Health and Welfare as heretofore created and established shall not be included within the Department of Human Services.

Sec. 2. Organization. The Joint Select Special Committee of the Legislature on Governmental Reorganization, with the assistance of the commissioner, shall prepare a plan of organization of the department into such bureaus, divisions and sections as may be necessary to carry out efficiently the work of the department. The committee, with the assistance of the commissioner, shall prepare legislation to be presented to a special session of the 105th Legislature to amend, repeal and rearrange statutes to reflect this department's powers, responsibilities and organization.

Directors of bureaus shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and Council.

The commissioner shall prepare a budget for the department in accordance with the Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 149.

The commissioner and the Joint Select Special Committee of the Legislature on Governmental Reorganization may recommend the legislation for the transfer from or to another state department such functions as would appear to properly belong to the other department or to his department. The commissioner shall have no powers or duties relative to the proposed department except those listed in this section.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act shall become effective 91 days after adjournment of the Legislature.