

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 379

S. P. 726

In Senate, March 25, 1929.

Reported by Senator Oakes of Cumberland from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Oakes of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to the Protection of Children.

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

Section fifty-five of chapter sixty-four of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred seventy-one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the whole thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following, to be known as section fifty-five:

'Sect. 55. Whenever the court deems it suitable and conducive to the public welfare that any such child be placed

3 under the control of an individual, the court shall first take
4 a bond from such person running to the state in such sum
5 and with such sureties as the court approves, conditioned
6 that such person shall humanely treat and properly sup-
7 port, clothe and educate the child, and in case of non-
8 performance of the conditions of said bond a suit may be
9 commenced thereon and the sum so recovered shall be paid
10 into the treasury of the state for the joint benefit of the
11 state and town of settlement, if any, of said child in pro-
12 portion to the amount of expenses incurred by the state
13 and said town because of the failure of said person so to
14 treat, support, clothe and educate said child. The state
15 board shall provide for the maintenance and education in
16 or by duly incorporated children's institutions and child wel-
17 fare organizations, where such are available, and otherwise
18 direct in family homes, of any children committed to its
19 custody under the provisions of the preceding sections. Bills
20 itemizing the expense of maintenance and education of chil-
21 dren committed under the provisions of this chapter, when
22 approved by the state board and audited by the state audi-
23 tor, shall be paid by the treasurer of state, who shall re-
24 cover from the town of settlement, if any, of any such
25 child, two-thirds of any such payments on account of said
26 child. At the request of the parents or next friend of any
27 dependent child under sixteen years of age who is without
28 parent or grandparent of sufficient ability, or without other
29 relatives able and willing to provide for its care, said re-

30 quest being approved by the municipal board of the city
31 or town where the child is domiciled or by any duly incor-
32 porated children's institution or organization, the state board
33 may make similar provision, without intervention of court,
34 for the care of such child. No such child, nor the parents
35 or grandparents of such child who are unable to provide
36 for its care, shall be deemed paupers by reason of any care
37 furnished to the child under the provisions of this act.'