

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 16, 1937.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mrs. Currier of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Provide for Child Welfare Services.

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

Sec. 1. Purposes of the act. The department of health and welfare, through its bureau of social welfare, is hereby authorized and directed to cooperate with the federal government, its agencies or instrumentalities, in establishing, extending, and strengthening services for the protection and care of homeless, dependent, and neglected children, and children in danger of becoming delinquent, and in expending funds made available for such purposes.

Sec. 2. Acceptance of provisions of federal law. The department is hereby authorized and directed to

(a) Apply for federal aid under the provisions of Title V of the Federal Social Security Act (Public No. 271, 74th Congress); and to comply with such conditions as may be required for such aid;

(b) Cooperate with the federal government in matters of mutual concern pertaining to child welfare services, including the adoption of such methods of administration as are found by the federal government to be necessary for the efficient operation of the plan for such aid;

(c) Make such reports in such form and containing such information as the federal government may from time to time require, and comply with such provisions as the federal government may from time to time find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports.

Sec. 3. Federal grants. The treasurer of state shall be the appropriate fiscal officer of the state to receive federal grants on account of child welfare services and administration thereof, as contemplated by Title V of the Federal Social Security Act, and the state controller shall authorize expenditures therefrom as approved by the department of health and welfare.