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House of Representatives, February 14, 1939.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Everett of Norridgewock.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

**AN ACT Relating to Support of Child Committed to Custodial Agency by
Municipal Courts.**

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

P. L., 1933, c. 118, § 5, amended. That part designated 5-C of section 5 of chapter 118 of the public laws of 1933, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 5-C. Support of child committed to custodial agency. Whenever a child under the age of 17 years is committed by the court to custody other than that of its parent and no provision is otherwise made by law for the support of such child, compensation for the care of such child, when approved by order of the court, shall be paid by the state, such commitment shall be subject to the provisions of sections 205, 206, and 207 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933. But the court may, after giving a parent a reasonable opportunity to be heard, adjudge that such parent shall pay in such manner as the court may direct such sum as will cover in whole or in part the support of such child, and if such parent shall wilfully fail or refuse to pay such sum he may be proceeded against as provided by law for cases of desertion or failure to provide subsistence.'