

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 218

H. P. 348

House of Representatives, February 2, 1943.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mrs. Roberts of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Protection of Children.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 206, amended. Section 206 of chapter 1 of public laws of 1933, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 206. Bond required when child given into custody of individual; department may provide for maintenance and education; state to recover from town; children or parents not to be considered paupers. Whenever the court deems it suitable and conducive to the public welfare that any such child be placed under the control of an individual, the court shall first take a bond from such person running to the state in such sum and with such sureties as the court approves, conditioned that such person shall humanely treat and properly support, clothe, and educate the child, and in case of nonperformance of the conditions of said bond a suit may be commenced thereon and the sum so recovered shall be paid into the treasury of the state for the joint benefit of the state and town of settlement, if any, of said child in proportion to the amount of expenses incurred by the state and said town because of the failure of said person so to treat, support, clothe, and educate said child. The department shall provide for the maintenance and education in or by duly incorporated children's institutions and child welfare organizations, ~~where such are available, and otherwise di-~~

~~rect~~ or in family homes, of any children committed to its custody under the provisions of the preceding sections. Bills itemizing the expense of maintenance and education of children committed under the provisions of sections 202 to 213, when approved by the department, shall be paid by the state, as provided by law, which shall recover from the town of settlement, if any, of any such child, $\frac{2}{3}$ of any such payments on account of said child. At the request of the parents or next friend of any dependent child under ~~16~~ 18 years of age who is without parent or grandparent of sufficient ability or without other relatives able and willing to provide for its care, ~~said request being approved by the municipal board of the city or town where the child is domiciled or by any duly incorporated children's institution or organization,~~ the department may make similar provision, without intervention of court, for the care of such child. No such child, nor the parents or grandparents of such child who are unable to provide for its care, shall be deemed paupers by reason of any care furnished to the child under the provisions of sections 202 to 213. The settlement of a child committed to custody other than that of a parent under the provisions of sections 202 to 213 shall not change during the period of such custody.'