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In Senate, February 12, 1953

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Fuller of Oxford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

RESOLVE, to Provide for a Survey of Mentally Handicapped Persons.

Survey of mentally handicapped persons. Resolved: That the commissioner of education be, and hereby is, required to employ professional consultants (1) to survey the numbers of mentally handicapped persons between the ages of 5 and 21, (2) to study their needs, and (3) to recommend training or education to make them more capable of self-support; and be it further

Resolved: That the sum of \$10,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the general fund of the state to provide for the costs of conducting the survey and preparing a report and recommendations.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

There are many children in the state who, by reason of their mental handicaps, are not able to attend school or, if able to attend, are unable to profit from instruction in regular school classes. At the present time there is no adequate information regarding the numbers of these persons or the character of their mental handicaps. Citizens who see the need for assistance to the mentally handicapped recommend a survey as a first step in determining the pertinent facts.