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Legislative Document

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S. P. 195

In Senate, February 10, 1959.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Lord of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT to Reactivate a Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded.

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

Sec. 1. Maine Committee on Problems of Mentally Retarded, reactivated. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a committee of 11 members, consisting of one each from the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Department of Education, and 8 representative citizens, and shall designate the chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties of committee. The Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded shall continue the study of Maine's mentally retarded begun by the Citizens Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded. The committee shall provide leadership and stimulation, at the state and local level, for the many organizations that are interested in the problems of the mentally retarded in Maine. It shall distribute materials, provide information and furnish speakers at request. It shall report to the Governor and Members of the 100th Legislature not later than January, 1961.

Sec. 3. Authority to appoint executive secretary and subcommittees. The Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded is authorized to appoint an executive secretary and to organize subcommittees to assist in carrying out the provisions of section 2.

Sec. 4. Time of meetings; expenses. Said committee shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the chairman, not less than 6 times during the biennium. The members shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$12,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and \$12,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961 to carry out the purposes of this act.