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Legislative Document

No. 751

H. P. 516

House of Representatives, February 17, 1959

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mrs. Kilroy of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Establishing a State Committee on Children and Youth.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the President of the United States has called a White House Conference on Children and Youth to meet in March, 1960; and

Whereas, the President has appointed a National Committee to receive suggestions and recommendations for subjects to be discussed; and

Whereas, the President's National Committee has set September 1, 1959 as a deadline for receipt of such suggestions; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. State Committee on Children and Youth created. The Governor shall appoint a committee of not more than 75 citizens representing all areas of interest in children and youth and shall designate a chairman.

Sec. 2. Duties. The State Committee on Children and Youth shall prepare for the state's participation in the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. It shall consider the current status of children and youth in Maine and it may undertake surveys of the causes and effects of problems relating to children and youth. The committee may make recommendations to the President's National Committee on Children and Youth as to matters to be brought

to the attention of the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth. It shall designate the delegates to the 1960 White House Conference. It shall report to the Governor and members of the 100th Legislature not later than January 1, 1961.

Sec. 3. Meetings; expenses. Said committee shall meet at the call of the chairman. Members and delegates to the 1960 White House Conference shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in performance of their duties.

Sec. 4. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 to the said committee, to be expended in the promotion of its objectives and in payment of necessary office work, material and necessary expenses of the committee. Such appropriation shall not lapse but shall remain a continuing carrying account until June 30, 1961.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

White House Conferences on Children and Youth have been held once each decade beginning in 1910. The President of the United States has called the 1960 conference for March.

Broad citizen and governmental preparation and fact gathering is necessary in order for the State to participate purposefully.