

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Eighty-Eighth Legislature

1937

Chapter 138

AN ACT to Provide for Child Welfare Services.

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

Sec. 1. Purposes of the act. The department of health and welfare, through its bureau of social welfare, is hereby authorized to cooperate with the federal government, through the children's bureau of the department of labor, in establishing, extending, and strengthening, especially in predominantly rural areas, child welfare services for the protection and care of homeless, dependent, and neglected children, and children in danger of becoming delinquent, and in expending funds made available for such purposes, provided, however, that nothing in this act shall be construed as authorizing any public official, agent or representative, in carrying out provisions of this chapter, to take charge of any child over the objection of either the father or the mother of such child, or of the person standing in loco parentis to such child, except pursuant to a proper court order.

Sec. 2. Acceptance of provisions of federal law. The department is hereby authorized to

(a) Apply for federal aid under the provisions of Title V, part 3, of the Social Security Act (Public No. 271, 74th Congress).

(b) Cooperate with the federal government in the establishment and administration of such child welfare services on the basis of plans developed jointly by the state agency and the children's bureau, and acceptable to both.

(c) Make such reports in such form and containing such information as the secretary of labor may from time to time require, and comply with such provisions as the secretary of labor may from time to time find necessary to assure the correctness and verification of such reports.

Sec. 3. Federal grants. The treasurer of state shall be the appropriate fiscal officer of the state to receive federal grants on account of child welfare services and administration thereof, as contemplated by Title V, part 3, of the Federal Social Security Act, and the state controller shall authorize expenditures therefrom as approved by the department of health and welfare.

Approved April 9, 1937.