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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

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on Children and Youth. It shall study the needs of, and services to, children and youth throughout the State and shall serve as a clearing house of information with respect to these needs and services. On the basis of knowledge so gained and documented, it shall suggest, recommend and promote the well-being of children, using such means, among others, as promotion of needed legislation and appropriations, strengthening of public administration and personnel resources and closer correlation among all governmental, voluntary agencies and citizen groups serving children and youth.

It shall provide a means for youth to express themselves and present their opinions to our legislative body.

It shall provide leadership and consultant service to area committees on children and youth in the development of area programs.

Sec. 3. Authority to appoint executive secretary and appoint subcommittees. The Maine Committee on Children and Youth shall have the authority to appoint an executive secretary with proper qualifications, and to organize such subcommittees as needed to carry out its duties.

Sec. 4. Time of meetings and expenses. The committee shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the chairman not less than 8 times each biennium. The members of the committee or authorized subcommittees shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

Sec. 5. Report. It shall report to the Governor and the 101st Legislature no later than January 2, 1963.

Sec. 6. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and \$5,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963.

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 211

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the problem of the mentally retarded is of vital importance to the welfare of the State of Maine; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that the following legislation become effective immediately so that efforts may be continued to solve this problem; 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. 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 101st Legislature not later than January, 1963.

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 \$13,836 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962 and \$14,444 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963 to carry out the purposes of this act.

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

Effective June 17, 1961

Chapter 212

AN ACT Creating a Constitutional Commission.

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

Sec. 1. Commission. The Governor shall appoint a bipartisan commission of 10 persons to study the Constitution of the State of Maine.

Sec. 2. Report. The commission shall report to the next regular session of the Legislature such changes and amendments to the Constitution of the State as may appear to be necessary or desirable. For this purpose the commission may employ such technical and clerical assistance as it may deem necessary.