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§ 3101. Investigation of system of public charities

The Department of Health and Welfare shall investigate and inspect the whole system of public charities in the State which derive their support wholly or in part from state, county or municipal appropriations but not including any institution of a purely educational or industrial nature.

R.S.1954, c. 25, § 8.

§ 3102. Transfer of paupers and public assistance recipients between states

The department shall have authority to enter into reciprocal agreements with corresponding agencies of other states, and to arrange with their local or county boards for the acceptance, transfer and support of persons going from one state to another and becoming public charges and to continue payments of public assistance until eligibility to receive assistance under a similar program has been established in the other state and the first payment from the other state has been received by such recipient. Such reciprocal agreements shall in no way commit the State to support persons who are not, in the opinion of the department, entitled to support under the laws of this State.

R.S.1954, c. 25, § 9; 1957, c. 160.

§ 3103. Information upon request

The commissioner shall give to the Governor or Council or to the Legislature or any committee thereof at any time upon their request information and advice with reference to any charitable or correctional institution about which he has information. The officers in charge of any institution of a charitable or correctional nature under the inspection of the department and local boards or committees having any powers or duties relative to the management of the same, and those who are in any way responsible for the administration of public funds used for the relief or maintenance of the poor, shall furnish to the department such information and statistics as may be demanded on such forms as the department may consider necessary to secure uniformity and accuracy in the statements.

R.S.1954, c. 25, § 10.

§ 3104. Cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture

The department may cooperate and participate in the administration of programs of the United States Department of Agriculture or any agency thereof.

When in his judgment it appears to be for the best interest of the welfare of the people of the State, the commissioner, with the approval of the Governor and Council, is authorized to enter into and execute, on behalf of the department, all necessary agreements with the United States Department of Agriculture or any

agency thereof to carry out the stamp plan, so called, or other plans for the distribution of food or surplus commodities for relief purposes. Such agreements may include in their provisions that regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture governing the administration of programs of the United States Department of Agriculture shall become part of such agreements.

There shall be established in the office of the Treasurer of State, by authority of the Governor and Council, a revolving fund for use in connection with participation in the federal program of the United States Department of Agriculture or any agency thereof.

This revolving fund shall not be in excess of \$100,000. This fund must at all times consist of cash on hand, stamps purchased, and not resold, and accounts receivable, against the cities and towns of Maine that have purchased stamps from this fund, the aggregate of which shall equal the total fund established by order of the Governor and Council, it being understood that this fund shall be used solely for the purpose of purchasing United States Government food stamps to be resold to the cities and towns of Maine participating in the so-called food stamp plan.

This fund shall be established by segregating the fund approved by the Governor and Council as above stated from the amounts on deposit to the credit of the General Fund of the State.

This fund shall continue in effect until the Governor and Council shall determine that the necessity for said fund no longer exists, when such segregation of funds shall cease.

R.S.1954, c. 25, § 11.

§ 3105. Vocational rehabilitation

The department, under the direction of the Governor and Council, may establish, conduct and maintain rehabilitation work as part of its program of aid and assistance. Such rehabilitation work shall be in cooperation with vocational education, as provided by Title 20, chapters 307 and 401 in the Department of Education.

Funds provided for aid and assistance carried on by the department may be used in providing such vocational rehabilitation.

R.S.1954, c. 25, § 30; 1959, c. 378, § 13.