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Chapter 535

AN ACT Establishing the Bureau of Mental Retardation.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, C. 184, additional. Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 184 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 184

BUREAU OF MENTAL RETARDATION

§ 2061. Bureau of Mental Retardation

The Department of Mental Health and Corrections shall be responsible for the direction of mental retardation programs in the institutions of the department and shall be responsible for the planning, promotion, coordination and development of a complete and integrated state-wide program for the mentally retarded and shall serve as liaison, coordinator and consultant to the several state departments in accomplishing the provision of such comprehensive services. There is created within the department a Bureau of Mental Retardation to carry out these responsibilities.

§ 2062. Director of Mental Retardation

The Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections shall appoint, subject to the Personnel Law, a Director of Mental Retardation. The director shall be a qualified specialist in the field of mental retardation with administrative and organizational experience and ability. The director shall carry out duties assigned by the commissioner in accordance with the responsibilities of the department for mental retardation programs.

§ 2063. Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded; duties

There shall be a Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded composed of 12 members, consisting of one member from the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House and one member from the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, the President of the Maine Association for Retarded Children, and 9 representative citizens appointed by the Governor, who shall designate a chairman. Of the first gubernatorial appointments 3 shall be for one year, 3 for 2 years and 3 for 3 years. Thereafter appointments shall be made for 3 years. Members of the committee shall serve without pay but will be reimbursed for expenses on the same basis as state employees.

The duties of the Maine Committee on Problems of the Mentally Retarded shall be to act in an advisory capacity to the commissioner and to the Director of the Bureau of Mental Retardation in assessing present programs, planning future programs and in developing means to meet the needs of the retarded in Maine.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective July 1, 1969.