

Sec. 15. **Purpose of act to be liberally construed.**—This act shall be liberally construed with a view to accomplishing its purpose, which is hereby declared to be to enable the state and its several counties to co-operate with responsible mothers in rearing future citizens, when such co-operation is necessary on account of relatively permanent conditions, in order to keep the mother and children together in the same household, reasonably safeguard the health of the mother and secure to the children during their tender years her personal care and training.

Sec. 16. **Action against relative preserved.**—Nothing herein shall be deemed to be inconsistent with any right of action against a relative of a poor person conferred by sections 3067 and 3068, General Statutes, 1913.

Sec. 17. **Orders made under former law.**—All orders of court granting county aid to mothers of dependent children under the provision of chapter 130, laws 1913, (being sections 7197, 7198 and 7199, General Statutes, 1913), in force where this act takes effect, shall continue in force until confirmed, modified or set aside pursuant to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 18. Sections 7197, 7198 and 7199, General Statutes, 1913, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 19: This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of January, 1918.

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#### CHAPTER 224—H. F. No. 1792.

*An act authorizing the state board of control to hold conferences with certain officials and making provision for payment of expenses incurred.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. **Conferences of board with other officials.**—For the purpose of promoting economy and efficiency in the enforcement of laws relating to children and particularly of the laws relating to defective, delinquent, dependent and neglected children, the state board of control may at such times and places as it deems advisable call an annual conference with officials responsible for the enforcement of such laws. When practicable such conference shall be held at the same time and place as the state conference of charities and correction.

Sec. 2. **Expenses of attendance.**—The necessary expenses of all probate judges invited to and attending such conferences shall be paid out of the funds of their respective counties.

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