

## **State Dependents' Commission State Documents**

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## Summary Information

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## Scope and Contents

The State Dependents' Commission investigated and reported on the status of care, education, and support of those labeled "dependents" in Pennsylvania, being people disabled by accident, misfortune, or sickness / disease. Five citizens, with Mr. P.C. Boyle as Chairman, were granted a tentative sum of \$15,000 for the task. The Commission culminated with a comprehensive report, including a plan and recommendations to better support Pennsylvania's dependents, which included an urge to repeal the confusing 1000+ state and local statutes in favor of one comprehensive reform act.

The publications of the State Dependents' Commission contain reports. Selected topics from these publications include mental dependency.

## Biographical / Historical

The State Dependents' Commission was created by Governor John K. Tener on July 25th, 1913. The five Pennsylvania citizens appointed to the Commission were P.C. Boyle (Chairman), Isaac Johnson, Thomas J. Lynch, Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, and Robert W. Herbert. The commission was given status until funds were exhausted or until the report was produced, which was done in 1915.

## Legacy Agency Names and Related Agencies

Office of the Governor (parent agency)

## General Note

The final report, "Pennsylvania dependents : Report and recommendations of the State dependents' commission", has been digitized by Penn State University on Hathitrust Digital Library: <https://hdl.handle.net/2027/pst.000018449914>.

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