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FLORIDA CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S COMMISSION

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In my opinion Section 10 of Chapter 13,620, relating to the Florida Crippled Children's Commission, does not make it mandatory upon the Commission to employ a Secretary when not needed. The word "shall" in this particular statute should in my view be construed as "permissive."

September 19, 1935.

FLORIDA CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S COMMISSION—CARE AND TREAT-MENT OF HARELIP AND CLEFT PALATE CHILDREN AND CONGENITAL CATARACT

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, making inquiry if the Florida Crippled Children's Commission has authority to care for harelip and cleft palate children and congenital cataract.

Chapter 13,620, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1929, is an Act creating the Florida Crippled Children's Commission to provide for the care, treatment and hospitalization of crippled children. Section 1 of said Act defines crippled children as any person of normal mentality under the age of 17 years whose physical functions or movements are impaired by accident, disease or congenital deformity. Harelip, cleft palate and congenital cataract are congenital deformities, and under the above statutory definition of a crippled child it is my opinion that your Commission would be authorized to care for, treat and hospitalize indigent or partially indigent children for said deformities.

July 10, 1935.

FLORIDA CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S COMMISSION—EXPENSES

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant advising that the Florida Crippled Children's Commission has presented for payment certain items of expense which were incurred prior to July 1, 1935, and which exceeds the appropriation for the past biennium. You make inquiry if payment of the same may be made out of the 1935 Appropriation Act, effective July 1, 1935.

Your attention is called to Chapter 13,620, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1929, creating the Florida Crippled Children's Commission and making an appropriation therefor, Section 8 of which reads as follows:

"That the sum of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated annually from the General Rev-

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enue Fund for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act."

The above quoted Section appears to be a continuing appropriation and in my opinion the items mentioned in your letter may be taken care of under the same.

January 26, 1935.

FLORIDA CRIPPLED CHILDREN'S COMMISSION

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st instant, making inquiry if there is a State fund to be used for the benefit of crippled persons who are unable to make their living.

In reply I beg to say I do not know of any State fund for said purpose. Chapter 13,620, Acts of 1929, creates the Florida Crippled Children's Commission, which applies only to children under 17 years of age.