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manner as they shall require, an annual budget itemizing the appropriations necessary to the proper discharge of the duties imposed by law upon the board and for the support and maintenance of the institutions under its management. The board shall also submit to the commissioners an annual report of its activities and the work carried on under its direction, together with its recommendations for securing more efficient and humane care for all persons in need of public assistance. The board shall study from time to time the social and environmental conditions of the District of Columbia and shall incorporate in its reports the results thereof and recommendations designed to further safeguard the interests and well-being of the children of the District of Columbia and to diminish and ameliorate poverty and disease and to lessen crime. Except in the placement of children in institutions under the public control, the board shall when practicable place them in institutions or homes of the same religious faith as the parents: *Provided*, That whenever the board shall for any reason place the child with any organization, institution, or individual other than of the same religious faith as that of the parents of the child, the board shall set forth the reason for such action in the record of the case. Inmates of public institutions shall be given the fullest opportunity for the practice of their religion.

Report of activities.

Studies of social conditions in relation to children to be made.

Children to be placed in institutions, etc., of religious faith of parents.

Proviso.
Record if placed elsewhere.

Religious freedom to inmates of institutions.

SEC. 14. The provisions of this Act shall take effect on and after July 1, 1926.

Effective July 1, 1926.

SEC. 15. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent laws repealed.

Approved, March 16, 1926.

March 16, 1926.
[H. R. 6710.]
[Public, No. 48.]

CHAP. 59.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Georgia and the counties of Long and Wayne, in said State, to construct a bridge across the Altamaha River, in the State of Georgia, at a point near Ludowici, Georgia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the State of Georgia, and the counties of Long and Wayne in said State, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Altamaha River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, near Ludowici, Long County, State of Georgia, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906: *Provided*, That such bridge shall not be constructed or commenced until the plans and specifications thereof shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War and the Chief of Engineers as being also satisfactory from the standpoint of the volume and weight of the traffic which will pass over it.

Altamaha River, Georgia, etc., may bridge, near Ludowici.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Proviso.
Traffic requirements.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, March 16, 1926.

March 18, 1926.
[H. R. 60.]
[Public, No. 49.]

CHAP. 60.—An Act For the purpose of reclaiming certain lands in Indian and private ownership within and immediately adjacent to the Lummi Indian Reservation, in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of $65,000, or so much thereof as may be required, for reclaiming by construction of dikes

Lummi Indian Reservation, Wash.
Reclamation of lands in, authorized.
Post, p. 856.