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AND LIMITED-PRICE CHAIN  
DEPARTMENT STORES**

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An Act To establish in the Department of Labor a bureau to be known as the Women's Bureau

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be established in the Department of Labor, a bureau to be known as the Women's Bureau.

SEC. 2. That the said bureau shall be in charge of a director, a woman, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall receive an annual compensation of \$5,000. It shall be the duty of said bureau to formulate standards and policies which shall promote the welfare of wage-earning women, improve their working conditions, increase their efficiency, and advance their opportunities for profitable employment. The said bureau shall have authority to investigate and report to the said department upon all matters pertaining to the welfare of women in industry. The director of said bureau may from time to time publish the results of these investigations in such a manner and to such extent as the Secretary of Labor may prescribe.

SEC. 3. That there shall be in said bureau an assistant director, to be appointed by the Secretary of Labor, who shall receive an annual compensation of \$3,500 and shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the director and approved by the Secretary of Labor.

SEC. 4. That there is hereby authorized to be employed by said bureau a chief clerk and such special agents, assistants, clerks, and other employees at such rates of compensation and in such numbers as Congress may from time to time provide by appropriations.

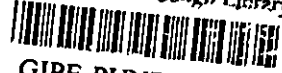
SEC. 5. That the Secretary of Labor is hereby directed to furnish sufficient quarters, office furniture, and equipment, for the work of this bureau.

SEC. 6. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, June 5, 1920.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,  
WOMEN'S BUREAU,  
*Washington, August 14, 1929.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the report of this bureau's study of women in 5-and-10-cent stores and limited-price chain department stores.

In 18 State surveys in the past nine years information has been secured on the earnings, hours, and personal history of several thousand girls and women employed in these industries, and this is brought together and analyzed in the present bulletin. Because of the differences in date of the various surveys, the material on earnings has been supplemented by figures for a week in the closing months of 1928, more than 6,000 women being reported upon.

The cooperation of the employers and of the workers in supplying the information is gratefully acknowledged.

The report has been written by Mary Elizabeth Pidgeon, assistant editor of the bureau.

Respectfully submitted.

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HON. JAMES J. DAVIS,  
*Secretary of Labor.*