

## ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

## **Legislative Document**

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Presented by Senator Danton of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

# STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE

### AN ACT to Increase the Reimbursement Rate to Residential Child Care Facilities.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

22 MRSA § 3802, sub-§ 1, ¶B, as amended by PL 1977, c. 107, is further amended to read:

**B.** For residential child care facilities in an amount equal to but not exceeding,  $\frac{80\%}{100\%}$  100% of audited unit cost and based on actual expenditures in the most recent fiscal year. The total amount paid from all sources shall not exceed 100% of actual cost.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to increase the state reimbursement to residential child care facilities from 80% to 100% of the costs incurred for care of wards of the State. These facilities must now reduce the level of care or incur deficits in order to make up the 20% difference. Additional private funds are not always available and these facilities should not have to depend on private sources to cover the costs of caring for state wards.