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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 **Legislative Document**

**No. 1796**

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7 H. P. 1811 House of Representatives, January 12, 1982  
8 Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint  
9 Rule 24.

Speaker laid before the House and on Motion of Representative Pearson of Old Town, referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services and 1,500 ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Hayden of Durham.

Cosponsors: Representative Mitchell of Vassalboro and Senator Sewall of Lincoln.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO  
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17 **AN ACT to Ensure Consistency in State and Federal**  
18 **Laws Concerning Job Opportunities for Welfare Recipients.**  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

21 22 MRSA §3778 is enacted to read:

22 §3778. Work Incentive Demonstration Program

23 Nothing in this chapter may be construed to limit or  
24 prevent any decision by the Commissioner of Human Services,  
25 made pursuant to the Work Incentive Demonstration Program  
26 under the United States Social Security Act, Title IV-C,  
27 Section 445, as amended. Whenever any such decision appears  
28 to be of interest to either the Commissioner of Labor or the  
29 Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, or both,

1 the Commissioner of Human Services shall seek the advice of  
2 either or both in carrying out the decision.

3 The 3 commissioners shall evaluate and report to the  
4 111th Legislature on or before January 1, 1984, the extent  
5 to which the Work Incentive Demonstration Program has car-  
6 ried out this chapter.

7 This section shall remain in effect until October 1,  
8 1984.

9 Statement of Fact

10 The State has undertaken 3 complementary efforts within  
11 the past year to address welfare employment issues.

12 First, the Commissioner of Human Services, in coopera-  
13 tion with the Commissioner of Labor and the Commissioner of  
14 Educational and Cultural Services, convened a statewide Work  
15 Opportunities Committee which met for 9 months to examine  
16 and make recommendations concerning employment, education  
17 and training opportunities for Aid to Families with Depend-  
18 ent Children recipients.

19 Second, the 110th Legislature enacted Public Law 1981,  
20 chapter 512, "An Act to Establish and Coordinate Training,  
21 Education and Employment Programs for Recipients of Aid to  
22 Families with Dependent Children."

23 Third, in early October, 1981, the Governor applied to  
24 the United States Department of Health and Human Services to  
25 participate in a 3-year Work Incentive Demonstration Pro-  
26 gram. This program was authorized in amendments to the  
27 Social Security Act, included in the Budget Reconciliation  
28 Act passed by Congress in August, 1981. Maine was one of 26  
29 states to apply. Maine's application was approved in late  
30 November, 1981.

31 The purpose of this bill is to ensure that there is  
32 consistency in the language of the state law and the federal  
33 law. The goals of both laws are virtually identical.