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On motion of Mr. Pearson of Old Town. Referred to the Commit- tee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.
EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative Connolly of Portland. Cosponsors: Senator Conley of Cumberland, Senator C. Sewall of Lincoln and Representative Murphy of Kennebunk.
STATE OF MAINE
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO
AN ACT to Establish Priorities for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program in Response to Federal Cutbacks.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
Sec. 1. Policy and intent. It is the policy of the State to provide the highest level of assistance possible to eligible recipients of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program, to counteract the effects of inflation and restrictions in federal eligibility regulations and to insure an income sufficient to safeguard the health and safety of eligible children and families.
It is the intent of this chapter, notwithstanding any other provision of law, that the amounts appropriated for the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program account for the biennium 1982-83, and in following years shall not be transferred from that account but shall be carried for- ward and expended for the same purpose.

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Sec. 2. For the fiscal year 1982-83. The Department 1 of Human Services shall calculate and certify to the Legis-2 3 lature the amount of state funds appropriated for the Aid to 4 Dependent Children account in the First Families with 5 Regular Session of the 110th Legislature which would not be 6 spent because of changes in federal regulations in the 1981 7 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act.

8 The department shall use all of the projected savings 9 certified in this section in the following manner:

10 <u>1.</u> Continuation of the work incentive plan approved by 11 the Second Special Session of the 110th Legislature, Public 12 Law 1981, chapter 534, Part E; and

13 <u>2.</u> Increase the program standard of need level as of 14 July $\overline{1}$, 1982 by such amount as is permitted by the projected 15 remainder of savings.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

Federal changes in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program will result in several thousand families in Maine having their grants reduced or terminated. All of these families will be those with income from working. This bill establishes priorities for the Department of Human Services on how to use the savings from these cuts.

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