

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 143

S.P. 79

In Senate, January 14, 2025

**An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by
Funding Family Planning Services**

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative CLOUTIER of Lewiston and
Senators: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, DUSON of Cumberland, INGWERSEN of
York, TALBOT ROSS of Cumberland, Representatives: Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford,
GRAMLICH of Old Orchard Beach, MEYER of Eliot, MOONEN of Portland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1912** is enacted to read:

3 **§1912. Access to family planning services**

4 **1. Access to services.** In accordance with this chapter, the department shall provide
5 funding to maintain statewide access to family planning services. The department shall
6 issue a request for proposals from qualified providers of family planning services. The
7 department shall select one provider to provide management and oversight of the delivery
8 of family planning services in this State, including, but not limited to, the coordination and
9 management of any subrecipients, and shall distribute funds appropriated for that purpose.

10 **2. Fund established.** The Fund to Maintain Access to Statewide Family Planning
11 Services, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a dedicated, nonlapsing
12 fund within the department to provide family planning services under this section. The
13 department may accept funds into the fund from any public or private source for the
14 purposes of awarding a grant under this section. Any funds appropriated to the fund may
15 not supplant other sources of funding.

16 **3. Grant.** The department shall make funds available from the fund in the form of a
17 grant and may not distribute any funds under a fee-for-service format.

18 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
19 allocations are made.

20 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

21 **Fund to Maintain Access to Statewide Family Planning Services N339**

22 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to be distributed to a single grantee who will provide
23 management and oversight of the delivery of family planning services.

24 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
25 All Other	\$6,180,000	\$6,180,000
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27 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,180,000	\$6,180,000

28 **SUMMARY**

29 This bill provides ongoing appropriations of \$6,180,000 in each year of the biennium
30 from the General Fund to be distributed by the Department of Health and Human Services
31 to a single grantee to provide management and oversight of the delivery of family planning
32 services. The bill establishes within the department the Fund to Maintain Access to
33 Statewide Family Planning Services.