

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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AS PASSED BY THE

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1980-81

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Social Welfare

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| Positions | (1) |
| Personal Services | \$ 6,034 |
| All Other | 111,989 |
| Total | <u>\$118,023</u> |

It is estimated that some 900 state supplemental income recipients residing in adult foster homes and boarding homes, and 1,000 recipients residing in nursing homes, currently receive only \$25 monthly for personal needs. This appropriation permits these individuals a \$5 a month increase in their personal needs allowance. Since the Region I Office of the Social Security Administration will not administer this increase, the Department of Human Services requires the addition of one Clerk II to its staff to administer it.

Sec. 6. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on October 1, 1980.

Effective October 1, 1980

CHAPTER 564

S. P. 303 — L. D. 893

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:

Sec. 1. 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, 80%~~ 85% of audited unit cost and based on actual expenditures in the most recent fiscal year. The total amount paid ~~from all sources by the State~~ shall not exceed ~~100%~~ 85% of actual cost for the care of state wards.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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| HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF | | |
| All Other | \$33,000 | \$43,750 |

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 565

S. P. 316 — L. D. 946

AN ACT to Appropriate Funds for Emergency Shelters and Services for Victims of Domestic Violence.

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 1677 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 1677

EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR

VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

§ 8501. Provision of services

The Department of Human Services shall provide, through social service contracts, emergency services for family members who cannot safely remain in their own homes because of violence, serious threat of violence or other serious family crisis. The emergency services shall include such services as shelter care, counseling and coordinating other necessary services.

The department shall make these services available to all areas of the State insofar as practicable.

Sec. 2. Report. The Bureau of Resource Development shall report to the Second Regular Session of the 109th Legislature on the progress of establishing shelters pursuant to this chapter. This report shall include statistics on shelter costs, usage and services, as well as the coordination of shelter services with child and adult protective services.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.