

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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No. 1391

H. P. 957

House of Representatives, February 13, 1963

Referred to Committee on Welfare. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brown of South Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-THREE

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AN ACT Relating to Definition of Dependent Child Under Aid to Dependent Children.

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to permit the State to receive federal funds for aid to dependent children whose parents are unemployed; and

Whereas, it is in the best interests of the State of Maine that children whose parents are unemployed should not be denied the necessities of life; and

Whereas, the funds provided by this act and federal funds will aid in relieving the conditions under which children of unemployed parents now live; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 25, § 234, sub-§ I, amended.** Subsection I of section 234 of chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter 98 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended to read as follows:

**‘I. Dependent child.** The term “dependent child” wherever used in sections 234 to 246 shall be construed to mean a needy child under the age of 18 who

has been deprived of parental support or care by reason of the death, continued absence from home or the physical or mental incapacity or **unemployment, as defined by the department**, of a parent and who is living with his father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, stepfather, stepmother, stepbrother, stepsister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew or niece in a place of residence maintained by one or more of such relatives as his or their own home. **The requirement for municipal financial participation shall not apply to this group of cases.'**

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964 the sum of \$150,000 and the sum of \$250,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, to the Department of Health and Welfare to carry out the purposes of this act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1963-64	1964-65
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(28) \$ 22,000	(28) \$ 31,000
All Other	123,600	217,000
Capital	4,400	2,000
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Total	\$150,000	\$250,000

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect July 1, 1963.