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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 723

Received by unanimous consent. Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

IEROME G. PLANTE, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Ruby of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Development of a Day Care Project in Bangor.

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

- Sec. I. Day care project. The Department of Health and Welfare is authorized and empowered to establish a day care project in Bangor or to contract with the University of Maine for the development and operation of such a pilot project under the general supervision of the Department of Health and Welfare and in accordance with its established policies and subject to the conditions set forth for the use of Federal Children's Bureau funds.
- Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and \$24,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, to the Department of Health and Welfare for the purpose of developing a day care project in Bangor.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The purpose of such a day care project which will be developed by the Bureau of Social Welfare in collaboration with the University of Maine are (1) to provide experiences for economically and culturally deprived children which will stimulate them and prepare them more adequately for their formal educational experiences, (2) to free some mothers to seek job training and employment as a means of becoming self-supporting and (3) to demonstrate that a properly staffed, programmed and administered day care center can offer significant benefits to

children, parents and the community itself. By making state funds available for such a project, additional federal funds from the Children's Bureau can be obtained by the Department of Health and Welfare in the amount of approximately \$15,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966 and \$24,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967.

To be fully effective for serving a minimum of 25 to 35 children at one time, such a project will require a biennial budget of \$39,000 for staff and operational costs.