

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 273

H. P. 184

House of Representatives, January 24, 1967

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Evans of Freedom.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing for Voluntary Foster Home Placement of Children.

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

Appropriation; voluntary foster home care. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare the sum of \$57,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and the sum of \$115,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 for the purpose of providing an expanded voluntary foster home placement program. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1967-68	1968-69
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Personal Services	(1) \$ 7,500	(2) \$ 15,000
All Other	50,000	100,000
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	\$57,500	\$115,000

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The purpose of such an expanded voluntary foster home placement program is to provide services for minor children who need such services and whose parents are not in fact guilty of child neglect. Such a program would provide foster home care for defective-retarded children under 5 years of age, for whom no state agency currently provides service, and also for children whose parents are temporarily incapacitated and unable, due to physical condition or social

circumstances, to provide adequate care for their minor children. Currently the Department of Health and Welfare has only 4 children in voluntary foster home placements. Referrals for services to a larger number of children are increasing. The proposed appropriation would provide such services for 50 children during the fiscal year 1967-68 and for 100 children during the fiscal year 1968-69.