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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 771

H. P. 625 House of Representatives, February 25, 1975 Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mulkern of Portland.

Cosponsors: Mr. LeBlanc of Van Buren, Mrs. Najarian of Portland and Mrs. Goodwin of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Making Supplemental Appropriations for Human Services and Authorizing the Development of a Comprehensive Plan for Human Services.

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

- Sec. 1. Development of plan for human services. It shall be the direct responsibility of the Bureau of Human Services, the Maine Human Services Council and the Maine Committee on Aging, pursuant to the powers and duties and administrative authority granted them under Title 22, to develop a comprehensive and detailed plan for the funding, administration, allocation, evaluation and coordination of all human services funded under Titles IV and VI of the United States Social Security Act, as amended, or its successors. Such plan shall be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature no later than September 1, 1975 and shall include, but not be limited to, the following items:
- 1. Recommendations from all agencies, advisory bodies and branches of state and local government concerned with the delivery, evaluation, administration or coordination of human services;
- 2. Recommendations from consumers of human services, interested citizens and private nonprofit agencies concerned with the delivery, evaluation, administration or coordination of human services;
- 3. A detailed statement of present and future impact upon the lives of Maine citizens of currently funded human services which considers the cost of such services and the benefits derived therefrom:

- 4. A plan for equitable distribution of current human services based on population, geographic area and a comprehensive assessment of the human service needs of Maine people;
- 5. Recommendations as to priority human service needs of Maine people and administrative, statutory or budgetary actions necessary to meet those needs.
- Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare, in addition to any and all other appropriations, the sum of \$1,000,000 for the purchase of human services from public and private nonprofit organizations.

For the purposes of this Act, human services are defined as those services eligible for federal matching funds under Titles IV and VI of the United States Social Security Act, as amended, or its successors. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Human Services

All Other

\$500,000

\$500,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

Community based human service agencies are facing decreased voluntary and private resources and increasing demands for such services as homemakers, housing, child care, transportation, health and services to families and children. This Act allows community-based human service agencies to maintain and expand the delivery of human services to Maine people. The Act funds only those services eligible for federal matching funds, thus maximizing the effect of state dollars. A detailed public statement of human service needs, priorities, distribution and cost effectiveness is required.