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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 912

H. P. 741

House of Representatives, March 5, 1975

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT Establishing and Appropriating Funds for Paraprofessional
Outreach, Referral and Counseling Services for York County.

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

Sec. 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to provide a program to seek out persons in York County experiencing problems in coping with their environment or living circumstances, assisting them with their problems through referral, supportive counseling, in-home and social skill training. This Act provides for prevention of severe emotional problems, child abuse, juvenile delinquency, etc., through early detection and in-home intervention.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Welfare, the sum of \$191,060, in addition to all other appropriations, to enter into agreements with Diocesan Human Relations Services, Inc., for the purchase of services for paraprofessional in-home referral and counseling services to children, adults and the elderly. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1975-76	1976-77
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
All Other	\$93,200	\$97,860

Funds under this appropriation may be advanced on a monthly or quarterly basis to Diocesan Human Relations Services, Inc., with a final accounting at the end of each contract year, according to the operating costs of the program, number of

individuals served, nature of the problem and services provided.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The service providers have had four years experience in providing in-home outreach paraprofessional referral and counseling services to York County. Early identification, outreach, and general supportive counseling would prevent the development of more severe problems such as juvenile delinquency, child abuse, social withdrawal, substance abuse and emotional disturbance.