

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1013

H. P. 830

House of Representatives, March 11, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Najarian of Portland.

Cosponsors: Mr. McKernan of Bangor and Mr. Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Provide the State Share of Seed Dollars for Comprehensive Child Care Programs in the State of Maine.

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

Whereas, day care programs in the State of Maine are funded on a cooperative basis by a combination of federal, state, county, municipal and private seed dollars; and

Whereas, comprehensive child care has proved its value to the State of Maine by assisting low-income families with the care of their children in order to allow them to seek, to train for and to remain in gainful employment; by sharing in the care of children in unduly stressful situations; by providing an alternative to institutional care; by providing preventive developmental care; by complementing the Department of Health and Welfare in the provision of protective care; and by alleviating stress leading to child abuse; and

Whereas, child care programs provide training and employment for Maine citizens, many of whom come from sectors of the population which traditionally have had difficulty in finding employment; and

Whereas, there is presently a deficit in seed money allocated by the State to maintain the state's share; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the fol-

lowing 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:

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Human Services the sum of \$265,000 to be used as seed dollars for developmental child care programs during the 1975-77 biennium. The Bureau of Human Services shall administer these moneys to maintain and develop day care services throughout the State of Maine. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1975-76	1976-77
HEALTH AND WELFARE, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Human Services		
All Other	\$130,000	\$135,000

Any unexpended balances shall not lapse, but shall remain a continuous carrying account until the purposes of this Act have been accomplished.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The intent of this bill is to assure the maintenance of services at their present level by continuing the State's share of seed dollars for the biennium.