

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 979

H. P. 777

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Pearson of Old Town, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brodeur of Auburn.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Provide for Aid to Families with Dependent Children Benefits for Unemployed Parents under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Unemployed Fathers Program.**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA § 3741**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1967, c. 459, § 1, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

**The department shall also implement and operate a program of aid to the dependent children of intact families with unemployed parents in accordance with the United States Code, Title 42, section 607 and any amendments and additions thereto.**

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1979-80

1980-81

HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Aid to Families with Dependent  
Children Program

Positions	(6)	(6)
Personal Services	\$40,000	\$83,000
All Other	600,000	1,200,000
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	\$640,000	\$1,283,000

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill will enable families in which there is an unemployed parent of dependent children to choose between Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits or unemployment compensation when they are unemployed. By allowing this option, families for which unemployment compensation does not provide for even minimum existence, can choose 70% federally funded program as an alternative, assure some medical care coverage and keep the family together. Cost figures estimated by the Department of Human Services are valued for the first year to allow for start time, notice of availability and other factors.