

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1083**

H. P. 877

House of Representatives, March 7, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Brodeur of Auburn.

Cosponsors: Mrs. Payne of Portland, Mrs. Nelson of Portland and Mrs. Kany of Waterville.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Appropriate Funds for a Conference of Families.**

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

Whereas, the family is of fundamental importance to the Maine community; and

Whereas, a Blaine House Conference on Maine Families will provide a forum for a discussion of the needs of families in Maine; and

Whereas, this conference should be scheduled so as to permit any recommendations emerging from it to be presented to the Second Regular Session of the 109th Legislature; and

Whereas, the scheduling will require the funds appropriated in this Act prior to the effective date of any nonemergency legislation; and

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

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

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MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS,  
DEPARTMENT OF

All Other

\$5,000

The funds appropriated in this Act shall be used to organize and conduct a Blaine House Conference on Maine Families as well as any local and regional conferences deemed necessary. If a Governor's Task Force on Maine Families is formed, this task force shall be responsible for the Blaine House Conference and any local or regional conferences and the funds shall be used by this task force for these purposes and no others.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide funds for a Blaine House Conference on Maine Families as well as for local and regional conferences. The funds are appropriated to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections. If a Governor's Task Force on Maine Families is formed, the funds will be used by this group to organize and conduct these conferences. Federal funds in the amount of roughly \$5,000 may also be available to pay the costs of these conferences.