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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 685

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7 H.P. 532 House of Representatives, February 10, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financia Affairs, sent
9 up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Ketover of Portland.

Cosponsors: Senator Kany of Kennebec, Senator Bustin of Kennebec and
Representative Joseph of Waterville.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT to Establish Funding
18 for Programs of Preventive
19 Intervention and Family Support.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 19 MRSA §61, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL
24 1973, c. 173, is further amended to read:

25 Upon application by both of the parties to an
26 intended marriage, when both parties are residents of
27 this State or both parties are nonresidents, or upon
28 application of the party residing within the State
29 when one of the parties is a resident and the other a
30 nonresident, and upon the payment of a fee of ~~§10~~
31 \$20, payable to the Probate or District Court, a
32 judge of probate or a Judge of the District Court
33 may, after hearing such evidence as is presented,
34 grant a certificate stating that in his opinion it is

1 expedient that the intended marriage be solemnized
2 without delay. Ten dollars of the \$20 fee shall be
3 delivered by the clerk of the town to the Department
4 of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Office of
5 Children's Services, which shall distribute these
6 revenues to programs or agencies providing inter-
7 vention and support services to families that include
8 infants and young children. Upon the presentation of
9 such a certificate or a copy thereof certified by the
10 clerk of the court by which the certificate was
11 issued, or in extraordinary or emergency cases when
12 the death of either party is imminent, upon the
13 authoritative request of a minister, clergyman,
14 priest, rabbi or attending physician, the clerk or
15 registrar of the city or town in which the intention
16 to be joined in marriage has been filed shall at once
17 issue the certificate as prescribed in this section.

18 Sec. 2. 34 MRS.A §15 is enacted to read:

19 §15. Funds for preventive intervention and family
20 support

21 The department shall receive the revenues avail-
22 able from the marriage license fund pursuant to Title
23 19, section 61, and shall authorize the Interdepart-
24 mental Coordinating Committee for Preschool Handi-
25 capped Children, established in Title 20-A, chapter
26 307, to distribute these funds. The committee shall
27 promulgate rules, according to the Maine Administra-
28 tive Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, for the
29 distribution of the revenues to programs or agencies
30 providing intervention and support services to fam-
31 ilies that include infants and young children,
32 including the criteria for grant eligibility and any
33 other conditions necessary for the administration of
34 this section. Twice each fiscal year, the chairman
35 of the committee shall announce the funds available
36 and the deadline for submitting grant applications.

37 The chairman of the committee shall make an
38 annual report on activities under this section to the
39 joint standing committee of the Legislature having
40 jurisdiction over health and institutional services,
41 commencing on April 15, 1984.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases the marriage license fee from \$10 to \$20, and directs that the \$10-increase be used for grants to programs or agencies that serve families with infants or young children.

The funds are to be distributed twice a year under rules promulgated in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act by the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee for Preschool Handicapped Children, a group of public and private service providers and representatives of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, Department of Human Services, Department of Corrections and Department of Educational and Cultural Services.

Their Zero-to-Three Subcommittee is charged with the development of a preventive service plan for Maine's children 3 and younger. The committee will report annually on its activities to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and institutional services.

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