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1	(EMERGENCY)
3	FIRST REGULAR SESSION
	ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
	Legislative Document No. 1278
	H.P. 977 House of Representatives, March 22, 1983
	Submitted by the Department of Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule
	24. Referred to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up
	for concurrence and ordered printed.
	Presented by Representative Joseph of Waterville. Cosponsors: Senator Bustin of Kennebec and Representative Brodeur of
	Auburn.
	STATE OF MAINE
	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
	NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
	AN ACT to Authorize the Department of
	Human Services to Operate a Grant Diversion
	Program for Recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children.
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	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-
	lature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
	Whereas, legislative authorization is required
	for the Department of Human Services to operate a
	grant diversion program; and
	Whereas, a grant diversion program will result in
	more employment and training opportunities for recip-
	ients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children; and
	Whereas, it is in the interests of recipients to
	begin a grant diversion program as soon as possible;

Whereas, the Department of Human Services would like to begin a grant diversion program by late Spring 1983; 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,

- 10 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 11 follows:
- 12 22 MRSA §3758, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Grant diversion. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of Human Services may operate a grant diversion program for recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

The department may establish a special revenue account for grant diversion funds that shall not lapse but shall carry forward from year to year and shall be used to assist recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children to acquire employment.

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

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

Grant diversion was authorized by the United States Congress in 1981 as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act. The purpose of this bill is to obtain legislative authorization at the state level for the Department of Human Services to operate a grant diversion program for Maine recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. The department would like to begin this program by late Spring 1983. That is why this is an emergency bill.

Grant diversion allows the State to put a portion of a recipient's Aid to Families with Dependent Chil-

dren grant into a special account from which an employer, who agrees to hire and provide on-the-job training for the recipient, will receive a wage subsidy for that recipient. The portion of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children grant diverted into the special account is the amount by which the grant is reduced because the recipient becomes employed.

For the purposes of Aid to Families with Dependent Children grant calculation, recipients' income from employment subsidized by grant diversion is treated the same as recipients' income from employment that is not subsidized by grant diversion.

Participation by Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipients in Maine's grant diversion program will be voluntary.

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