

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(EMERGENCY)

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 1956

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S.P. 710

In Senate, January 19, 1984

Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs is suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Najarian of Cumberland.

Cosponsors: Representative Ketover of Portland, Representative Mitchell of Vassalboro and Senator Gill of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR

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RESOLVE, Providing Funding for  
Transitional Residential Programs  
for Adolescent Girls at Risk.

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

Whereas, the Fair Harbor Residential Program is the only residential program in southern Maine available to adolescent girls at risk who cannot be placed in a home setting, mental health facility or juvenile detention facility; and

Whereas, unless funds are immediately made available, the program will have to be closed; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of

1 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
2 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
3 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5 Fair Harbor Residential Program; appropriation.  
6 Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Gener-  
7 al Fund the sum of \$25,000 for fiscal year 1983-84  
8 and \$50,000 for fiscal year 1984-85 to be paid to the  
9 Fair Harbor Residential Program.

10 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency  
11 cited in the preamble, this Resolve shall take effect  
12 when approved.

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 The Fair Harbor Residential Program is the only  
15 residential program in southern Maine available to  
16 adolescent girls at risk who cannot be placed in a  
17 home setting, either foster care or the parental  
18 home, and who are inappropriate for mental health  
19 treatment or juvenile detention facilities.

20 Each year at least 50 girls served by the Young  
21 Women's Christian Association emergency shelter or  
22 street program are in need of this service. Most of  
23 these girls are in state custody. Until now there  
24 has been no way to meet this need for transitional  
25 placement. Consequently, we have seen a pattern of  
26 "shelter hopping" and the concomitant appearance of  
27 repeated failure which leads to increasingly disrup-  
28 tive behavior.

29 Local and available state funds are now being  
30 used to support the Fair Harbor Residential Program.  
31 These funds are insufficient and the program will  
32 have to be closed if other funds cannot be found.

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