

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (New Draft of H.P. 1593, L.D. 2103)

2 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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6 Legislative Document No. 2450
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8 H.P. 1851 House of Representatives, April 9, 1984

9 Reported by Representative Connolly from the Committee on
10 Appropriations and Financial Affairs and printed under Joint Rule 2.

11 Original bill presented by Representative Connolly of Portland.
Cosponsored by Representative Murphy of Kennebunk, Senator Gill of
Cumberland and Representative Kelleher of Bangor.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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18 AN ACT to Provide Funds for an Increase
19 in the Aid to Families with Dependent
20 Children's Standard of Need.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are
25 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
26 purposes of this Act.

27 1984-85

28 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

29 Aid to Families with
30 Dependent Children

31 All Other \$1,436,193

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This new draft is required to bring the AFDC
3 Standard of Need closer to the actual present cost of
4 providing for children's needs. The present Standard
5 of Need is estimated to represent a 1974 standard of
6 living. The increase of 5% which has been appropri-
7 ated for the 2nd year of the budget is expected to
8 just cover the rate of inflation in the past year.
9 That budgeted increase will therefore not overcome
10 the severe effects of past inflation which have
11 eroded the purchasing power of AFDC grants faster
12 than all previous increases. This bill proposes an
13 additional increase to begin to close that gap.

14 The urgent nature of this new draft is under-
15 scored by the findings and recommendations of the
16 Special Advisory Committee on Children's Deaths in
17 Maine, which recognizes that major increases in the
18 AFDC Standard of Need are needed to protect poor
19 children from serious risks to their health and safe-
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