

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 1066

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7 S.P. 387

In Senate, March 19, 1985

8 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent
9 down for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Najarian of Cumberland.

11 Cosponsored by Senator McBreairty of Aroostook, Representative
Diamond of Bangor and Representative Nadeau of Lewiston.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Expand the Number of Elder
18 Volunteers in the Retired Senior
19 Volunteer Programs, Foster Grandparent
20 Programs and the Senior Companion
21 Program.
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23 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
24 follows:

25 **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropri-
26 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
27 of this Act.

28		<u>1985-86</u>	<u>1986-87</u>
29	<u>HUMAN SERVICES,</u>		
30	<u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>		
31	All Other	\$90,000	\$90,000
32	Provides funds to be		
33	divided equally among		

1 the following: Each
2 of the 6 Retired Sen-
3 ior Volunteer Pro-
4 grams, each of the 2
5 Foster Grandparent
6 Programs and the Sen-
7 ior Companion Pro-
8 gram.

9 STATEMENT OF FACT

10 The 9 Older American Programs in Maine are: Six
11 Retired Senior Volunteer Programs, 2 Foster Grandpar-
12 ent Programs and one Senior Companion Program. In
13 addition to providing volunteer services to over 400
14 different agencies throughout the State, including
15 all counties, these programs give elders an opportu-
16 nity to be an active part of their communities. The
17 purpose of this bill is to expand the number of vol-
18 unteer hours provided by 9 Older American Programs
19 from the current level of 600,000 hours to a new lev-
20 el of 660,000 hours per year.

21 The Retired Senior Volunteer Programs are for
22 persons over 60 years of age. They have an opportu-
23 nity to volunteer with different age groups at a wide
24 variety of nonprofit organizations and agencies. In
25 some instances, they are reimbursed for travel and
26 meals.

27 The Foster Grandparent Programs are for low-
28 income elders who wish to volunteer with children
29 with special needs. They each receive a stipend of
30 \$2,000 per year in addition to meal and travel reim-
31 bursements.

32 The Senior Companion Program is for low-income
33 elders who wish to volunteer to assist home-bound el-
34 ders. They receive a stipend of \$2,000 per year in
35 addition to meal and travel reimbursements.

36 All 3 volunteer programs provide placement,
37 training, insurance and special volunteer recognition
38 events.

1 Since the principle source of funds is the Feder-
2 al Agency, ACTION, the fiscal management procedures
3 for receipt and expenditure of funds are established
4 in accordance with federal regulations. The project
5 grantees or sponsors, funded by ACTION, are required
6 to demonstrate their capability to safeguard public
7 expenditures.

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