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	ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE	
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	STATE OF MAINE	
	IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX	
	AN ACT Authorizing Payment of Child Care Expenses for Foster Children.	
latu	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Person of the Per	
lowe	Whereas, the State Controller's Office has of the continued payment by the Department of Services of certain child care expenses for and adoptive parents; and	f Hu-
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sary	Whereas, this legislation is immediately noted to authorize the State Controller to make inued payments: 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.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

22 MRSA §4062, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is amended to read:

1. Payments by department. The department shall provide payments to facilities caring for children to meet the costs of clothing, board and care, within the limits of available funds. The department may establish, by rule, different categories of facilities, levels of need and care and flat-rate or reimbursement methods to distribute these funds. The department may provide child care and travel expense payments to foster and adoptive parents and trainers participating in foster and adoptive parent training programs and volunteers participating in the administrative case review program.

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

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

The State Controller's Office has disallowed the continued payment of child care expenses for foster parents participating in foster parent training and for foster parents and adoptive parents who act as cotrainers with the Department of Human Services without specific law allowing these expenses.

The purpose of this bill is to allow the continued payment of child care expenses for foster and adoptive parents participating in trainers and acting as cotrainers in order to encourage this participa-

- tion and provide a better trained group of substitute care resources for children, as well as to pay the expenses for persons volunteering as participants in the administrative case review system.