

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

No. 1793

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7 H.P. 1276

House of Representatives, January 9, 1986

8 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Paradis of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representative Daggett of Manchester, Representative
Reeves of Pittston and Representative Allen of Washington.

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT to Create a Rape Crisis Center in
18 Augusta.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
23 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
24 of this Act.

25 1986-87

26 HUMAN SERVICES,
27 DEPARTMENT OF

28 Bureau of Social Services

29 All Other

\$17,000

30 These funds are to be
31 used to create a Rape
32 Crisis Center, based
33 in Augusta, that will
34 serve the Towns of Au-

1 gusta, Hallowell,
2 Manchester, Mount Ver-
3 non, Rome, Farming-
4 dale, West Gardiner,
5 Windsor, Palermo,
6 Somerville and Wash-
7 ington.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 It is the intent of this bill to create a Rape
10 Crisis Center, based in Augusta, that will serve the
11 Towns of Augusta, Hallowell, Manchester, Mount Ver-
12 non, Rome, Farmingdale, West Gardiner, Windsor,
13 Palermo, Somerville and Washington.

14 In a review of the territories covered by the 8
15 existing Rape Crisis Centers, it was revealed that
16 centers were not providing services to citizens of
17 Augusta, Hallowell, Manchester, Mount Vernon, Rome,
18 Farmingdale, West Gardiner, Windsor, Palermo,
19 Somerville or Washington.

20 If the statistics for the remainder of the State
21 prove consistent with the capital area, for each rape
22 reported to the police, 6 are reported to rape crisis
23 centers. Using that formula, 54 rapes occurred in
24 this region over the last 10 months.

25 Specially trained sexual assault counselors pro-
26 vide direct assistance to rape and incest victims via
27 24-hour hotlines, crisis intervention counselling,
28 information and support throughout the medical, law
29 enforcement and court processes. In addition, the
30 rape crisis programs are all nonprofit organizations;
31 keep records of services provided; raise funds from a
32 variety of sources, state, private and local. They
33 all utilize volunteers, whose in-kind services are
34 worth an average of \$250,000 per year. Program direc-
35 tors coordinate services, both on a statewide level,
36 by means of a coalition, and on a local level, by
37 networking with other regional agencies.

38 An Augusta based Rape Crisis Center will not only
39 provide treatment for the victim of sexual assault,

1 but will also provide the community with education on
2 rape prevention. In other communities, counselors are
3 asked to train a variety of professionals in hospi-
4 tals, schools, community organizations and even local
5 and state law enforcement personnel.

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