

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 365

H.P. 282 House of Representatives, February 12, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and  
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DIAMOND of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Representatives MCGOWAN of Canaan, GARLAND  
of Bangor and KETOVER of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Provide for Emergency Funding for  
2 Home-based Family Services.  
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4 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
5 lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
6 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

7 Whereas, Maine's home-based family services pro-  
8 grams were provided with only 10 months funding for  
9 fiscal year 1987; and

10 Whereas, these 9 programs keep over 1,000 of the  
11 State's children together with their families instead  
12 of going to costly boarding care, foster homes or  
13 residential treatment centers; and

1           Whereas, if additional funds are not made availa-  
2 ble, all home-based family services will stop on May  
3 1, 1987; and

4           Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
5 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
6 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
7 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
8 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
9 therefore,

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

12           Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-  
13 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes  
14 of this Act.

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16 MENTAL HEALTH AND  
17 MENTAL RETARDATION,  
18 DEPARTMENT OF

19 Bureau of Children with  
20 Special Needs

21           Home-based Family Services                                      \$185,000

22           Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited  
23 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-  
24 proved.

25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26           The purposes of this bill are stated in the emer-  
27 gency preamble.

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