

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 655

H.P. 488 House of Representatives, March 5, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CARROLL of Gray.

Cosponsored by Senators DUTREMBLE of York, GILL of
Cumberland and Representative FOSTER of Ellsworth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to appropriate funds for New and
2 Existing Services for the Prevention
3 of Teen Pregnancy and to Reduce the
4 Adverse Effects of Teen Parenting.
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6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
7 follows:

8 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
9 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
10 of this Act.

11 1987-88 1988-89

12 HUMAN SERVICES,
13 DEPARTMENT OF

14 Bureau of Health

1	All Other	\$540,000	\$1,080,000
2	Funds for training for		
3	professionals, repro-		
4	ductive health care,		
5	and teacher education.		
6	Bureau of Social Services		
7	All Other	600,000	1,200,000
8	Funds for counseling		
9	services and teen par-		
10	ent programs.		
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12	Total	<u>\$1,140,000</u>	<u>\$2,280,000</u>

13 STATEMENT OF FACT

14 This bill appropriates funds from the Department
 15 of Human Services.

16 1. The funds to be managed by the Bureau of
 17 Health will be expended as follows.

18 A. Training for Professionals - \$100,000 in
 19 1987-88 and \$200,000 in 1988-89 to be used for
 20 community based services to provide adequate
 21 training, through increased training programs of
 22 all professionals who work directly with
 23 teenagers and their families in the area of ado-
 24 lescent development, sexuality, pregnancy and
 25 teen parenting. This includes paraprofessionals
 26 and volunteers.

27 B. Reproductive Health Care - \$400,000 in
 28 1987-88 and \$800,000 in 1988-89 to be used for
 29 reproductive health service providers to offer
 30 specialized services for teenagers, including
 31 weekend and evening service hours, locations of
 32 services accessible to teens and counseling for
 33 teens regarding sexual behavior and decision mak-
 34 ing.

1 C. Teacher Education - \$40,000 in 1987-88 and
2 \$80,000 in 1988-89 to be used to assure education
3 for teachers to conduct properly a comprehensive
4 health education curriculum which includes family
5 life and sexuality education. The funds are to
6 be managed in cooperation with the Department of
7 Educational and Cultural Services.

8 2. The funds to be managed by the Bureau of So-
9 cial Services will be expended as follows.

10 A. Counseling Services - \$100,000 in 1987-88 and
11 \$200,000 in 1988-89 to be used to develop 2 pro-
12 grams to demonstrate counseling services for
13 pregnant teens, as well as parenting teens.
14 Counseling services may include: Nondirective
15 comprehensive pregnancy options counseling, peer
16 support; career; adoption counseling; premarital
17 relationship counseling or marriage counseling
18 and treatment for sexual abuse, substance abuse
19 and issues of self esteem.

20 B. Teen Parent Programs - \$500,000 in 1987-88
21 and \$1,000,000 in 1988-89 to be used for services
22 in the community for pregnant and parenting teens
23 and their children which may include drop-in cen-
24 ters, parenting classes, child care and
25 self-advocacy training, child birth classes, sup-
26 port groups, therapeutic groups and teaching and
27 tutorial services, employment and training and
28 housing programs.

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