

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 656

H.P. 489 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 CONNOLLY of Portland.
Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake,
Representative O'GARA of Westbrook and Senator BRANNIGAN of
Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Increase the Aid to Families with
2 Dependent Children Standard of Need.
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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, the current maximum monthly payment for
8 a mother and child of Aid to Families with Dependent
9 Children is \$301; and

10 Whereas, the current maximum payment provides
11 about 50% of the federal poverty level; and

12 Whereas, it will require increases of about 10%
13 of the current standard of need in each of the next
14 10 years, in addition to adjustments for future in-

1 flation, to bring the Aid to Families with Dependent
2 Children standard of need to the federal poverty lev-
3 el; 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 Sec. 1. Appropriations. The following funds are
13 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
14 purposes of this Act.

15 1987-88 1988-89

16 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT
17 OF

18 Aid to Families with De-
19 pendent Children

20 All Other \$3,190,400 \$6,380,800

21 Provides funds for a
22 10% increase in the
23 Aid to Families with
24 Dependent Children
25 standard of need in
26 each year.

27 Medical Care-Payment to
28 Providers

29 All Other 76,000 152,000

30 Provides funds to
31 cover increased medi-
32 cal payments result-
33 ing from increase in
34 Aid to Families with
35 Dependent Children
36 standard of need.

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2 TOTAL \$3,266,400 \$6,532,300

3 Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are al-
4 located from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry
5 out the purposes of this Act.

6 1987-88 1988-89

7 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT
8 OF

9 Aid to Families with De-
10 pendent Children

11 All Other \$7,444,266 \$12,564,568

12 Medical Care - Payment to
13 Providers

14 All Other 177,333 299,306

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16 TOTAL \$7,621,599 \$12,863,874

17 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited
18 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-
19 proved.

20 STATEMENT OF FACT

21 This bill provides for a 10% increase in the Aid
22 to Families with Dependent Children standard of need
23 in each year of the biennium. Since the current
24 standard is 50% of the federal poverty level, such
25 increases will be required for each of the next 10
26 years to bring the Aid to Families with Dependent
27 Children standard of need up to the poverty levels.

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