

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 494                      House of Representatives, March 6, 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 Senator CLARK of Cumberland,  
Representatives ANTHONY of South Portland and STANLEY of  
Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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1                      AN ACT to Provide for Annual Increases in the  
2                                      Aid to Families with Dependent  
3                                      Children Standard of Need.  
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5                      Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
6                      lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
7                      adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

8                      Whereas, the current maximum monthly payment for  
9                      a mother and child on Aid to Families with Dependent  
10                      Children is \$301; and

11                      Whereas, despite frequent increases in the Aid to  
12                      Families with Dependent Children Standard of Need in  
13                      the past 10 years, the standard has not kept pace  
14                      with inflation; and

1           Whereas, the current maximum payment provides ap-  
2 proximately 50% of the federal poverty level and  
3 costs of housing and other basic necessities continue  
4 to rise dramatically; and

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

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

13           Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3759, as enacted by PL 1983, c.  
14 477, Pt. E, subpart 8, is repealed.

15           Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3759-A is enacted to read:  
16 §3759-A. Increases in standard of need

17           1. Report of the commissioner. The commissioner  
18 shall report annually by October 1st:

19           A. The percentage increase in the National Con-  
20 sumer Price Index for all urban consumers, the  
21 United States city average in the 12 months pre-  
22 ceding June 30th of that year and the projected  
23 amount of funds required to provide the same per-  
24 centage increase in the Aid to Families with De-  
25 pendent Children Standard of Need effective July  
26 1st of the following year;

27           B. The difference between the standard of need  
28 as compared with a full contemporary and adequate  
29 standard of living as measured by the United  
30 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Sta-  
31 tistics lower living standard; and

32           C. The amount of additional increase that would  
33 be required to meet the contemporary standard of  
34 living within 10 years.

35           2. Increase in standard of need. On July 1,  
36 1988, and each year thereafter, the Aid to Families

1 with Dependent Children Standard of Need shall be in-  
2 creased by the percentage increase in the National  
3 Consumer Price Index in the 12 months preceding June  
4 30th of the previous year.

5       Sec. 3. Transitional provisions. On July 1,  
6 1987, the Aid to Families with Dependent Children  
7 Standard of Need shall be increased by 1.6%.

8       Sec. 4. Appropriation. The following funds are  
9 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the  
10 purposes of this Act.

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
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12	<u>HUMAN SERVICES, DE-</u>	
13	<u>PARTMENT OF</u>	
14	Aid to Families with Depen-	
15	dent Children	
16	All Other	\$458,744      \$932,956
17	Provides funds for	
18	annual increases in	
19	the Aid to Families	
20	with Dependent Chil-	
21	dren Standard of	
22	Need reflecting the	
23	rate of inflation.	
24	Medical Care - payment to	
25	providers	
26	All Other	62,703
27	Provides funds for	
28	increased medical	
29	payments resulting	
30	from increases in	
31	Aid to Families with	
32	Dependent Children	
33	Standard of Need.	
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35	Total	<u>\$458,744</u> <u>\$995,659</u>

36       Sec. 5. Allocation. The following funds are al-

1 located from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry  
2 out the purposes of this Act.

3		<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
4	<u>HUMAN SERVICES, DE-</u>		
5	<u>PARTMENT OF</u>		
6	Aid to Families with Depen-		
7	dent Children		
8	All Other	\$953,645	\$1,837,104
9	Medical Care - payment to		
10	providers		
11	All Other		194,697
12			
13	Total	<u>\$953,645</u>	<u>\$2,031,801</u>

14 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited  
15 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-  
16 proved.

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This bill provides that the Aid to Families with  
19 Dependent Children Standard of Need be indexed. The  
20 standard of need will be increased each year by the  
21 rate of inflation during the previous fiscal year.

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