

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 941

H.P. 700 House of Representatives, March 25, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Senators GAUVREAU of Androscoggin, CAHILL
of Sagadahoc and Representative NORTON of Winthrop.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Develop a Coordinated Local
2 Response to Adolescent Pregnancy.
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4 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 1. 22 MRS §1954 is enacted to read:

7 §1954. Office on Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting

8 1. Office established. There is established
9 within the Division of Maternal and Child Health the
10 Office on Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting to pro-
11 vide policy-making leadership in the issues involved
12 in adolescent pregnancy and parenting.

13 2. Purpose. The office shall work with and sup-
14 port local councils, organizations and programs and
15 shall:

1 A. Develop policy planning and programming pri-
2 orities in the area of adolescent pregnancy and
3 parenting;

4 B. Intergrate statewide efforts to stimulate lo-
5 cal and community response to the problems of ad-
6 olescent pregnancy and parenting;

7 C. Coordinate existing resources in state and
8 local agencies to avoid duplication of effort;
9 and

10 D. Develop and maintain local action strategies
11 built upon existing resources and opportunities.

12 2. Staff. The office shall be managed by a co-
13 ordinator who shall report to the Director of the Di-
14 vision of Maternal and Child Health. The office may
15 employ such staff as the Director of the Division of
16 Maternal and Child Health determines necessary.

17 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds are
18 appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
19 purposes of this Act.

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
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21	<u>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT</u>	
22	<u>OF</u>	
23	Division of Maternal and	
24	Child Health	
25	Office on Adolescent	
26	Pregnancy and Parenting	
27	Positions	(1 1/2)
28	Personal Services	\$ 25,000
29	Funds to be used for	(1 1/2)
30	an office coordina-	\$ 50,000
31	tor position and 1/2	
32	clerical position.	
33	All Other	95,000
		190,000

1	\$5,000	in the first			
2		year of the biennium			
3		to be used to com-			
4		pliment	the		
5		maternal-child			
6		health resources			
7		lending library.			
8		Balance of funds to			
9		be used to provide			
10		service grants of up			
11		to \$15,000 per com-			
12		munity for local ad-			
13		olescent pregnancy			
14		and parenting coun-			
15		cils, organizations			
16		or programs to stim-			
17		ulate			
18		community-based pro-			
19		grams to respond to			
20		adolescent pregnancy			
21		and parenting prob-			
22		lems.			
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24	Total		<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$120,000</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$240,000</u></td> </tr> </table>	<u>\$120,000</u>	<u>\$240,000</u>
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25 STATEMENT OF FACT

26 The State must assume a position of leadership in
 27 policy, planning and programming in the area of teen
 28 pregnancy and parenting. This bill provides that
 29 leadership by establishing an office within the De-
 30 partment of Human Services, the Division of Maternal
 31 and Child Health, to encourage and support local ac-
 32 tion councils, organizations and programs.

33 These local action councils, programs or organi-
 34 zations will work to develop plans and programs with-
 35 in the community, integrate statewide efforts to
 36 stimulate local response, coordinate existing re-
 37 sources to avoid duplication of work and build local
 38 action strategies built upon existing opportunities.

1 The state office will be staffed with personnel
2 trained to organize, assist and educate local groups
3 and organizations in the development of local action
4 plans.

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