

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Governor's Bill)  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 1474

H.P. 1083                      House of Representatives, May 8, 1987  
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and  
Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.  
   EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk  
Presented by Representative FOSS of Yarmouth.  
Cosponsored by Senators CLARK of Cumberland, GILL of  
Cumberland and Representative PINES of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1                      **AN ACT to Promote the Development and**  
2                      **Improvement of Child Care Resources in**  
3                      **Maine.**  
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5                      Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
6                      follows:

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

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
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11	<u>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPART-</u>	
12	<u>MENT OF</u>	
13	Office of Child Care	
14	Coordination	

1 All Other \$792,000 \$842,000

2 Funds to be used  
3 to develop up to 8  
4 regional child  
5 care resource de-  
6 velopment centers  
7 that will deter-  
8 mine child care  
9 needs; recruit and  
10 maintain providers  
11 and make  
12 referrals; work  
13 with public and  
14 private employers  
15 on child care re-  
16 source develop-  
17 ment; encourage  
18 cooperation among  
19 municipalities,  
20 schools, community  
21 organizations,  
22 health services  
23 and employers; de-  
24 termine training  
25 needs and promote  
26 community aware-  
27 ness and consumer  
28 education on child  
29 care. Local ad-  
30 visory committees  
31 are to be estab-  
32 lished concurrent-  
33 ly with the re-  
34 gional centers.  
35 Funds are also to  
36 be used for con-  
37 sultant services  
38 for resource cen-  
39 ter staff and the  
40 business communi-  
41 ty, training for  
42 child care  
43 providers; to in-  
44 crease the number

1 of subsidized  
2 slots; and for re-  
3 source development  
4 conferences to  
5 share information  
6 among employers,  
7 schools, child  
8 care providers,  
9 community groups  
10 and individuals.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

12 This bill encourages the development of addition-  
13 al child care resources by establishing a network of  
14 regional resource development centers that will fa-  
15 cilitate local child care resource development and  
16 referral services, providing collaborative activity  
17 among key state departments and encouraging coopera-  
18 tion among the resource development centers, local  
19 advisory committees and local business groups. The  
20 yearly conference will serve as a focal point for  
21 these combined efforts.

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