

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Emergency)
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2079

S.P. 791 In Senate, January 15, 1988
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested
and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GILL of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec; Representative
BOUTILIER of Lewiston, Representative PINES of Limestone.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **RESOLVE, to Create a Day Care**
2 **Demonstration Project as an Employment**
3 **Incentive to Help Address the Nursing Shortage.**
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5 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves
6 of the Legislature do not become effective until 90
7 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies;
8 and

9 Whereas, the State is currently experiencing an

1 alarming shortage of nursing staff; and

2 Whereas, the provision of low-cost, on-site day
3 care programs at health facilities will create an
4 incentive for the recruitment of nursing staff for
5 these health care facilities; and

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

12 **Day care demonstration project. Resolved:** That
13 a day care demonstration project shall be conducted as
14 a collaborative effort between the Sisters of Charity
15 Health Systems, Inc. and the Lewiston Young Women's
16 Christian Association for a period of one year from
17 the effective date of this resolve.

18 The project shall provide day care services for
19 the employees of the Sisters of Charity Health
20 Systems, Inc. who work at the St. Mary's Hospital and
21 d'youville Pavilion. These services shall include
22 7-days-a-week coverage and a sick child area.

23 These services shall be offered on a priority
24 basis to nursing staff personnel on a sliding fee
25 basis to be determined by the recipients' incomes.

26 The administration of this program shall be
27 provided by the Lewiston Young Women's Christian
28 Association and the Sisters of Charity Health Systems,
29 Inc. by qualified personnel; and be it further

30 **Results of this project. Resolved:** That results
31 of this project shall be made available, in a final
32 report to be submitted to the First Regular Session of
33 the 114th Legislature by February 1, 1989. This
34 report shall also be available to the appropriate
35 state agencies and the State's health care facilities.

36 The report to the Legislature shall include
37 recommendations for any changes to statutes and rules

