

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Emergency)
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2169

S.P. 835 In Senate, February 1, 1988
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial
Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake,
Representative FOSS of Yarmouth, Representative ROLDE of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 **RESOLVE, to Fund Demonstration Projects for Day**
2 **Care Services in Health Care Facilities.**
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4 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts and resolves
5 of the Legislature do not become effective until 90
6 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies;
7 and

8 Whereas, the State is currently experiencing an

1 alarming shortage of nursing staff; and

2 Whereas, the provisions 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 **Pilot projects.** **Resolved:** That 3 pilot day
13 care projects are established in the northern, central
14 and southern parts of the State in 3 separate
15 hospitals.

16 These projects shall provide day care services for
17 health care employees within each designated hospital
18 area.

19 These services shall be available to employees on
20 a sliding fee basis to be determined by the
21 recipients' incomes; and be if further

22 **Results of this project.** **Resolved:** That the
23 results of this project shall be issued in a final
24 report to be submitted to the First Regular Session of
25 the 114th Legislature by February 1, 1989. This
26 report shall also be presented to appropriate state
27 agencies and the State's health care facilities.

28 The report to the Legislature shall include
29 recommendations for any changes to the laws and rules
30 that are necessary in order to implement this project
31 on an ongoing statewide basis; and be it further

32 **Appropriation.** **Resolved:** That the following
33 funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry
34 out the purposes of this resolve.

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2 MAINE HEALTH CARE FINANCE COMMISSION

3 All Other \$480,000
4 Funds to be
5 distributed on an
6 equal basis to each of
7 the 3 hospitals to
8 offset the loss in
9 revenues incurred as a
10 result of providing
11 services pursuant to
12 this resolve on a
13 sliding scale basis.

14 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency
15 cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect
16 when approved.

17 STATEMENT OF FACT

18 This resolve funds 3 pilot projects in the State,
19 north, central and south, to establish day care
20 centers at hospitals to show the efficacy of day care
21 centers as a means to recruit and retain health care
22 personnel. This resolve will help address the
23 critical personnel shortage in health care facilities.

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