

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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NO. 2205

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H.P. 1612                    House of Representatives, February 8, 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.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Brunswick.

Cosponsored by Representatives LISNIK of Presque Isle,  
FOSTER of Ellsworth and Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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1                    **AN ACT to Establish Child Care**  
2                    **Availability for Individuals in the**  
3                    **Substance Abuse Treatment System.**  
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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  
8                    appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the

1 purposes of this Act.

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3 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

4 Child Care Services

5 All Other

\$300,000

6 These funds will be  
7 used to provide pilot  
8 projects for child  
9 care services for  
10 single persons  
11 receiving alcohol and  
12 drug abuse residential  
13 or outpatient  
14 treatment services in  
15 at least 3 locations  
16 in the northern,  
17 central and southern  
18 areas of this State.  
19 It is the intent of  
20 the Legislature that  
21 residential and  
22 outpatient treatment  
23 service providers  
24 establish these pilot  
25 child care programs in  
26 different geographic  
27 regions of the State.  
28 Programs shall be  
29 designed to determine  
30 the effectiveness of  
31 child care  
32 availability in  
33 improving treatment  
34 success and reducing  
35 the need for more  
36 costly alternatives  
37 such as foster care.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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Child care for persons receiving treatment for alcohol or substance abuse is virtually nonexistent in this State, resulting in a strong impact on treatment effectiveness.

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This bill will fund 3 pilot programs in the State to provide child care in residential and outpatient settings of alcohol and substance abuse treatment, and will measure the impact on treatment and cost effectiveness by eliminating traditional responses to child care needs such as foster care.

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