

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 867 In Senate, February 12, 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 BUSTIN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative BAKER of Portland, Senator
ANDREWS of Cumberland, Representative HICKEY of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Establish a Position to
Develop Quality Dependent Care Facilities and
Sources for the Work Force.**

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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 **Sec. 1.** 5 MRSA §13062, sub-§2, 1C is enacted
8 to read:

9 C. The office shall actively encourage and

1 promote the development of quality dependent care
2 facilities and services to meet the needs of the
3 work force. The office shall assist businesses
4 individually, or in conjunction with other
5 businesses, to establish or sponsor quality
6 dependent care facilities at affordable costs or
7 at no cost to employees.

8 (1) The office shall work closely with the
9 Department of Human Services and the
10 Department of Labor in implementing this
11 paragraph.

12 **Sec. 2. Appropriation.** The following funds
13 are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out
14 the purposes of this Act.

	<u>1988-89</u>
15 <u>ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,</u>	
16 <u>DEPARTMENT OF</u>	
17	
18 Office of Business Development	
19 Positions	(1)
20 Personal Services	\$27,000
21 All Other	750
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23 Total	<u>\$27,750</u>

24 STATEMENT OF FACT

25 This bill provides a position in the Department of
26 Economic and Community Development for a person to
27 work with employees to develop quality dependent care
28 facilities at affordable costs to employees. This
29 person will work closely with the Department of Human
30 Services and the Department of Labor to actively
31 promote the establishment of quality dependent care
32 facilities to meet the needs of the work force.

33 The demand for labor, as well as the need for 2

1 incomes in most households in Maine, is creating a
2 severe shortage of day care or dependent care
3 facilities in Maine. The shortage of these
4 facilities, as well as the current costs of the
5 services provided by these facilities, are creating
6 severe hardships for many families. In addition, this
7 problem serves as a disincentive for some unemployed
8 people to enter the work force at a time when there
9 are significant labor shortages in several areas of
10 the State.

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