

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(Emergency)  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2280

S.P.877 In Senate, February 17, 1988  
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative  
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.  
Reference to the Committee on Business Legislation  
suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Representative  
LAPOINTE of Auburn, Representative ROLDE of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 RESOLVE, to Create a Demonstration Project to  
2 Provide for Ladders of Advancement in the  
3 Nursing Profession.  
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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

1       Whereas, the State is currently experiencing a  
2 severe problem of nursing availability to meet the  
3 needs for health care services in the community; and

4       Whereas, the provision of a program to allow for  
5 ladders of advancement within the nursing profession  
6 would act as an incentive for the recruitment and  
7 retention of nursing personnel; and

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

14       **Demonstration project. Resolved:** That a  
15 demonstration project to provide for ladders of  
16 advancement in the nursing profession shall be  
17 conducted between the Lewiston-Auburn area long-term  
18 care facilities and the Central Maine  
19 Vocational-Technical Institute.

20       This project provides funds for 16 students to  
21 receive college credit for the completion of their  
22 certified nursing assistant certificate and the  
23 continuation of their nursing training.

24       Each student is eligible to receive a maximum of  
25 21 college credits over the one-year duration of this  
26 project.

27       Each student shall receive a reduced tuition based  
28 on the continuation of acceptable employment in one of  
29 the area's long-term care facilities; and be it further

30       **Results of project. Resolved:** That the  
31 results of this project shall be published 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 made available to appropriate  
35 state agencies and the State's health care facilities.

36       The report to the Legislature shall include

1 recommendations of any changes to laws and rules which  
2 are necessary to implement this project on an ongoing  
3 statewide basis; and be it further

4       **Appropriation. Resolved:**       That the following  
5 funds be appropriated from the General Fund to carry  
6 out the purposes of this resolve.

7       HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

8               All Other   \$40,000

9               The funds may be made  
10              available through the  
11              Special Circumstances  
12              Allowance of the Department  
13              of Human Services. This  
14              appropriation is the  
15              maximum amount anticipated  
16              to be needed as an offset  
17              for tuition. Those  
18              students who do not  
19              continue employment in a  
20              long-term facility over the  
21              course of the project will  
22              not receive tuition  
23              reimbursement.

24       **Emergency clause.**       In view of the emergency  
25 cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect  
26 when approved.

27   STATEMENT OF FACT

28       The State is currently experiencing a severe  
29 problem of nursing availability to meet the needs for  
30 health care services in the community. This resolve  
31 creates a demonstration project to establish a  
32 curriculum of certified nursing assistant training and

1 provides for ladders of advancement within the nursing  
2 profession. This demonstration project will be  
3 developed between member nursing homes of the Maine  
4 Health Care Association and the Central Maine  
5 Vocational-Technical Institute. Results from the  
6 project shall be reported to the joint standing  
7 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
8 human resources. If the demonstration proves  
9 successful, it will be used as a model for a statewide  
10 plan.

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