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| 1 | L.D. 2390 |
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| 2 | (Filing No. H- 770) |
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| 3 | STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES |
| 5 | 113TH LEGISLATURE |
| 6 | SECOND REGULAR SESSION |
| 7 8 9 | COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1744, L.D. 2390, Bill, "AN ACT to Establish the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program." |
| 10 11 12 | Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in its place the following: |
| 13 | 'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3106 is enacted to read: |
| 14 | §3106. Telephone subsidies |
| 15 | The department may participate in the determination of eligibility for various subsidies of |
| 16 17 | determination of eligibility for various subsidies of telephone costs for low-income people as established |
| 18 | by the Public Utilities Commission pursuant to Title |
| 19 | 35-A, section 7101. |
| 20 21 | Sec. 2. 22 MRSA \$\$3741-A and 3741-B are enacted to read: |
| 22 23 | §3741-A. Recipients with children 3 years of age and older |
| 24 | The department may seek a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to establish special eligibility requirements for |
| 25 26 | States Department of Health and Human Services to |
| 20 27 | assistance under this chapter to require participants |
| 28 | with children 3 years of age and older to register for |
| 29 | the Additional Support for People in Retraining and |
| 30 | Education Program established in chapter 1054-A. The |
| 31 | eligibility requirements under this waiver shall |

l provide that:

- 1. Current exemptions. No recipient may be required to register who would otherwise be exempt from registration under the United States Social Security Act, United States Code, Title 42, Section 602, Subsection 19 and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto;
- 2. Child with special needs. No recipient may be required to participate who has a child with special needs. A child with special needs means a child who has needs, professionally documented, related to physical disabilities, mental illness, mental retardation, developmental delays or disabilities, or emotional or behavioral problems; and
- 3. Voluntary participants given priority. No recipient may be required to register until all recipients who voluntarily participate have been served and sufficient resources have been reserved to serve the remaining anticipated voluntary participants. This policy may be implemented on a regional basis.

22 §3741-B. Teenage parents

- Teenage parents may be required to register in a program administered by the department specifically designed to encourage completion of education and enhance self-sufficiency.
- Failure to register and actively participate in this program may not result in ineligibility for benefits under this chapter, except that any supplemental support services, such as child care and transportation, may be withheld until the teenage parent actively participates in the required program.
- 33 Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §§3760-A and 3760-B are enacted 34 to read:
- 35 §3760-A. Assistance to first-time pregnant women
- 1. Aid to Families with Dependent Children option. Any first-time pregnant woman who is otherwise eligible for assistance under this chapter except that she has no dependents under the age of 18 is eligible for the monthly benefit for one eligible

- person if the medically substantiated expected date of
 the birth of her child is not more than 90 days
 following the date the benefit is recieved.
- 2. Waiver request. The department may seek a waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services to limit the program in subsection 1 to women under 20 years of age.
- 8 3. Effective date. This section shall take 9 effect January 1, 1989.
- 10 §3760-B. Notification to the Legislature
- The department shall notify the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over human resources of any request for waivers from the United States Department of Health and Human Services or any other federal agency concerning the implementation of chapters 1053, 1053-A, 1054, and 1054-A.
- 17 Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3773, sub-§3, ¶F, as repealed 18 and replaced by PL 1983, c. 730, §5, is amended to 19 read:
- 20 substantial F. Ensuring that there is 21 coordination between the Welfare Employment, Education and Training Program and the Federal Job 22 23 Training Partnership Act or its successors in the operation of the Additional Support for People in 24 25 Retraining and Education Program; and
- 26 Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §3776, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 1983, c. 730, §7, is further amended to read:
- 28 The assessment procedure for each registrant 29 shall be accomplished through direct personal contact with staff of the Welfare Employment, Education and Training program or by contract with the job training program established in Title 26, chapter 25. The assessment procedure shall be 30 31 32 33 jointly monitored and evaluated by the Department 3÷ of Human Services and the Department of Labor. 35 36 The staff shall be advised by the Department of 37 Educational and Cultural Services of all available 38 education and training opportunities, and shall

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| 1 2 | make that information available to each registrant during the assessment process. |
| 3 4 | Sec. 6. 22 MRSA \$3776, sub-\$5 as amended by PI 1981, c. 617, \$4, is further amended to read: |
| 5 6 7 8 9 | 5. Supportive services. Each registrant shall receive the supportive and manpower services including respite care, necessary to participate successfully in any education, training and employment program in accordance with the registrant's employability plan. |
| 11 | Sec. 7. 22 MRSA c. 1054-A is enacted to read: |
| 12 | CHAPTER 1054-A |
| 13 14 | ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE IN RETRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM |
| 15 16 | §3781. Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program established |
| 17 18 | 1. Administration. The Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program shall be |
| 19 20 21 | administered by the Department of Human Services and jointly operated by the Department of Human Services, |
| 22 | the Department of Labor and other state agencies having responsibilities relating to the goals of this program. The Department of Human Services may |
| 23 24 | program. The Department of Human Services may contract with the Department of Labor to implement |
| 25 | this program in selected areas of the State. |
| 26 27 28 | 2. Purpose. The purpose of this program is to provide services and support to recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children and food stamps and |
| 29 30 | to reduce dependence on public assistance. The principal goal shall be to assist the recipient in |
| 30 | principal dollars and the control of |

- securing stable employment which pays wages sufficient to maintain adequate family income without public assistance and to increase the basic life skills and self-confidence of the recipient.
- 3. Contract. The department and the client shall enter into a contract to embody the goals of the client and the services and support of the program.

1 §3782. Program

- 1. Services and support. Services and support shall include those which are provided under chapter 1053, Aid to Dependent Children; chapter 1054, the Job Opportunities Act of 1981; Title 20-A, chapter 315, Adult Education; Title 20-A, chapter 431, Maine Vocational-Technical Institute System; Title 26, chapter 21, the Displaced Homemakers Act; and Title 26, chapter 25, the Job Training Partnership Act.
- 2. Responsibilities. The program shall be jointly operated by the Department of Labor and the Department of Human Services.
- 13 the Department of Ιn areas where Human 14 Services and the Department of Labor jointly 15 provide service, the Department of Human Services 16 is responsible for coordinating the following Identification of the program 17 functions: participant's pre-training needs; provisions of pre-vocational training as it relates to social development and life skills adjustment; provision of support services; and case management services. 18 19 20 21 of support services; and case meaning for the participant's period of enrollment. The 22 Department of Labor is responsible 23 following functions: 24 coordinating the 25 Identification of training needs; provision of pre-vocational training as it relates to employability development; provision of skills 26 27 28 training; provision of access to education; and 29 job placement.
- B. In areas where the Department of Human Services contracts with the Department of Labor, all the functional responsibilities referenced in paragraph A shall be assumed by the Department of Labor's job training program established pursuant to Title 26, chapter 25.

36 §3783. Transitional support services

The Department of Human Services shall establish a program to provide transitional support services, including transportation, respite care and other child care services, to former recipients of the Aid to

- Families with Dependent Children program who have become ineligible for services under that program because of earnings from employment obtained as a result of participation in the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program. Transitional support services may be available to families for up to 12 months beginning with the month in which such ineligibility begins and shall be available only in the months in which the caretaker relative is employed.
- Child care provided pursuant to this section must meet minimum standards of health and safety required for a certificate of registration for home baby-sitting services in section 8305, subsection 1.

15 §3784. Medical assistance program

- 1. Program established, eligibility. The department may provide extended medical assistance to former recipients of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Program who have become ineligible for financial assistance under that program because of earnings from employment obtained as a result of participation in the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program. Families with gross monthly income equalling more than 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines shall be ineligible for extended medical assistance under this section.
 - 2. Duration and scope of coverage. The extended medical assistance shall be limited to 12 months beginning with the month in which ineligibility begins and shall be provided only in months in which the caretaker relative is employed. The scope and amount of medical assistance provided under this section shall be the same as if the family were receiving cash assistance under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program.
- 36 3. Coverage provided by private insurers. The
 37 department may pay a family's expense for premiums,
 38 deductibles, copayments or similar costs for health
 39 insurance or other health coverage available from any
 40 insurer authorized to write insurance in this State,
 41 offered by the employer of a caretaker relative, or

- available from some other program providing medical 2 coverage if doing so would be more cost effective. In the event that the department chooses to purchase 3 coverage for the coverage for the participant, the family is nevertheless eligible for the full extent of medical 4 6 assistance coverage provided in subsection 2.
- 4. Adoption of Medicaid option. The department shall adopt the 6-month extension of Medicaid available to states under the United States Social Security Act, United States Code, Title 42, Section 602(a)(37). 7 8 9 10 11
- 5. Payment requirements. No family receiving extended medical assistance under this section whose 12 13 gross monthly income equals or is less than 110% of 14 the federal poverty income guidelines established as 15 required by the United States Omnibus Budget 16 Reconciliation Act of 1981, Public Law 97-35, Sections 652 and 673 (2), shall be required to pay any premium, deductible, copayment or similar charge for such 17 18 19 assistance.
- Families with gross monthly income over 110%, but no 21 more than 150%, of the federal poverty income 22 shall pay a monthly premium for such 23 guidelines 24 assistance in accordance with a graduated scale. average payment under the graduated scale shall be 25 26 \$28.00 per month.
- 6. Third party liability. The department shall seek reimbursement from any 3rd parties who are liable to pay for medical care and services available under this section in all cases where the amount of reimbursement the State can reasonably expect to recover exceeds the costs of such recovery. 27 28 29 30 31 32
- 7. Effective date, sunset. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this section shall take effect 33 34 on January 1, 1989 and shall be repealed on June 30, 35 36 1989.
- 37 §3785. Required to participate

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38 No recipient is ineligible for assistance under this program or Aid to Families with Dependent Children for failure to participate in Additional 39 40 Support for People in Retraining and Education Program 41

| 1 2 3 4 | if that failure to participate is based on just cause. Just cause for failure to participate in this program shall be found when there is reasonable and verifiable evidence of: |
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| 5 | A. Physical or mental illness or disability; |
| 6 | B. Below-minimum wages; |
| 7 | <pre>C. Sexual harassment;</pre> |
| 8 | D. Physical or mental inability to perform required job tasks; |
| 10 11 | E. Inability to work required hours or to meet piece-work standards; |
| 12 13 | F. Lack of transportation to and from work or training; |
| 14 15 | G. Inability to arrange for necessary child care or care of ill or disabled family member; |
| 16 17 18 | H. Participation would have required the recipient to relocate outside the recipient's immediate geographic area; |
| 19 20 | I. Any reason found to be good cause by the Department of Human Services; and |
| 21 22 | J. Any other evidence which is reasonable and appropriate. |
| 23 | §3786. Rules |
| 24 25 26 27 | The department shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375 for the implementation of this chapter. |
| 28 29 30 31 32 | Rules governing services provided under this chapter shall apply equally to all participating Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipients, whether those services are provided by the Department of Human Services or the Department of Labor. |

- \$3787. Availability of funds
- 2 3
- Nothing in this chapter may be construed to mean that any department, agency, institution or program shall be required to obligate or expend funds beyond 4 existing funds available to them for these purposes. 5
- Sec. 8. 26 MRSA \$2013, sub-\$9-A is enacted to 6 7 read:
- 8 Coordination with the Additional Support for in Retraining and 9 Education Program. Coordination with the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program established in Title 22, chapter 1054-A. 10
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- 13 Sec. 9. Report. The Department of Human Services and the Department of Labor shall jointly 14 submit a report to the joint standing committee having 15 jurisdiction over human resources by February 14, 1990. 16
- 17 report shall contain an analysis evaluation of the implementation of the Additional 18 Support for People in Retraining and Education Program, presented separately for teens and adults, 19 20 including, but not limited to: 21
- 22 1. The number of registrants and participants, 23 both voluntary and mandatory;
- 24 The average wage and medical benefit status 25 upon job placement;
- 26 The average wage and medical benefit status 12 27 months after job placement;
- 28 4. The number of participants placed in full-time 29 employment and part-time employment;
- 30 5. For those participants placed in employment where health insurance benefits are available, the 31 32 cost of those benefits to the family and 33 Department of Human Services;
- 34 The numbers and percentages of individuals who 35 receive the following services: Remedial education; General Education Diploma preparation; on-the-job

- training; skills training; and post-secondary education in both 2-year and 4-year programs. These numbers and percentages shall be reported separately for programs in the colocated and contract areas;
- 7. The degree of client satisfaction, reported separately for the colocated and contract areas;
- 7 8. Percentage of staff turnover in colocated and 8 contracted areas;
- 9 9. Percentage of registrants sanctioned resulting 10 in the loss of benefits, reported separately for 11 programs in the colocated and contract areas;
- 12 10. Employment sector entered, as defined by the United States Department of Labor, Dictionary of Occupational Titles, reported separately for programs in colocated and contract areas;
- 18 12. Description of the reimbursement experience 19 for service providers under the Additional Support for 20 People in Retraining and Education Program;
- 21 13. Number of people not completing the 22 Additional Support for People in Retraining and 23 Education Program and the reasons for noncompletion;
- 24 14. The educational attainment of each 25 participant while participating in the Additional 26 Support for People in Retraining and Education 27 Program; and
- 28 15. Description of the experience of the Resource 29 Recovery Unit, formerly Fraud Unit, and the Child 30 Support Enforcement Unit, paying particular attention 31 to the cost-effectiveness of the additional staff.
- 32 Sec. 10. Repeal. This Act shall be repealed on 33 July 1, 1990.
- 34 Sec. 11. Appropriation. The following funds 35 are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out 36 the purposes of this Act.

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| 1 | | 1988-89 |
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| 2 | HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF | |
| 3 | Medical Assistance Program | |
| 4 | All Other | \$730,000 |
| 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 | Provides funds effective January 1, 1989, for extension of medical benefits for pregnant adolescents and former recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children who have obtained employment and who do not have medical insurance provided as a benefit of employment, to achieve the objectives of Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education. | \$ 730,000 |
| 26 27 | Income Maintenance - Regional | |
| 28 29 30 31 | Positions Personal Services All Other Capital Expenditures | (12) \$ 296,980 67,925 6,230 |
| 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 | Provides funds effective October 1, 1988, to implement improved eligibility determination, client assessment, information and | |

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           referral.
                        Two Fraud
           Investigators,
 2
 3
           Income Maintenance
 4
           Supervisors,
 5
           Manager, 4 Medicaid
 6
           Specialists and one
           Clerk Typist II to
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 8
           achieve the objectives
 9
           of Additional Support
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           for
                    People
11
           Retraining
                                and
12
           Education.
13
                                                     371,135
1.4
      Total
15
       Administration -
16
       Income Maintenance
17
         Positions
                                                           (5)
         Personal Services
                                                  $ 138,269
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                                                     236,200
19
         All Other
                                                       3,652
20
         Capital Expenditures
21
           Provides
                              funds
           effective October 1,
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23
           1988, for improvement
24
           of Bureau of Income
25
           Maintenance management
           systems in order to
26
           effectively
27
                           operate
           current and One Deputy
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29
           Director, one Division Director, one Manager
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31
           and 2 Clerk Typist II
32
           positions to achieve
33
           the objectives of
Additional Support for
People in Retraining
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35
36
           and Education.
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38
                                                     378,121
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    Total
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| 1 2 | Welfare Employment, Education and Training | |
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| 3 4 5 6 | Positions Personal Services All Other Capital Expenditures | (6) \$ 135,961 964,202 10,891 |
| 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 | Provides funds to expand client services and staff to achieve the objectives of the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education. Two Welfare Employment, Education and Training Specialists and 4 Casework Supervisors are funded effective October 1, 1988. | |
| 20 21 | Total | \$1,111,054 |
| 22 23 | Welfare Employment, Education and Training | |
| 24 | All Other | \$1,737,000 |
| 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 | Provides funds to purchase additional education, training and employment services for welfare recipients to achieve the objectives of the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education. | \$1,737,000 |
| 37 | Family Services Program | +-/ |
| 38 39 40 | Positions Personal Services All Other | (1) \$ 35,524 104,243 |

| 1 | Capital Expenditures | 2,331 |
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| 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | Provides funds for one Program Director of support services in the Family Services Program to achieve the objectives of Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education. | |
| 11 12 | Total | \$ 142,098 |
| 13 | Family Services Program | |
| 14 | All Other | \$ 389,945 |
| 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 | Provides funds to expand the Family Services Program by purchasing case management services to achieve the objectives of Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education. | |
| 25 26 | Total | \$ 389,945 |
| 27 28 | Aid to Families with Dependent Children | |
| 29 | All Other | \$ 310,000 |
| 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 | Provides funds to adjust the Aid to Families with Dependent Children Standard of Need in order to allow increased earnings for Aid to Families with | |

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "C" to H.P. 1744, L.D. 2390 1 Dependent Children 2 recipients, effective 3 January 1, 1989, to achieve the objectives 5 of Additional Support 6 for People in 7 Retraining and 8 Education. 9 Total 10 \$ 310,000 11 Aid to Families with Dependent Children 12 13 All Other 215,000 14 Provides funds for Aid 15 to Families with Children 16 Dependent 17 Program. Provides 18 \$198 maximum monthly 19 benefit amount to pregnant 20 first-time 21 woman in her last trimester of pregnancy. 22 23 \$ 215,000 24 Total 25 Medical Care - Payments to Providers 140,000 26 All Other \$ 27 Provides funds to meet 28 medical payments 29 Aid to Families with 30 Dependent Children 31 recipients resulting from 32 in increase 33 of Standard Need, 34 effective January 1, 35 1989. 36 37 Total 140,000

| 1 2 | TOTAL | \$5 | 5,524,3 | 53 |
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| 3 4 5 6 | Sec. 12. Allocation. The followin allocated from Federal Expenditure Funds the purposes of this Act. | g to | carry | out |
| 7 | UIMAN CEDUICEC DEDADMIEUM OD | | 1988- | 89 |
| · | HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF | | | |
| 8 | Income Maintenance - Regional | | | |
| 9 10 11 12 | Positions Personal Services All Other Capital Expenditures | \$ | 387,9 62,9 9,7 | 50 |
| 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 | Allocates funds, effective October 1, 1988, to implement improved eligibility determination, client assessment, informa- tion and referral. One Clerk Typist II, 4 Income Maintenance Supervisors, 6 Fraud Investigators, One Human Services Aide and 4 Income Mainten- ance Specialists. | | | |
| 27 28 | Total | \$ | 460,50 | 52 |
| 29 30 | Administration - Income Maintenance | | | |
| 31 32 33 34 | Positions Personal Services All Other Capital Expenditures | \$ | | 0.0 |
| 35 36 37 | Allocates funds effective October 1, 1988, for improvement | | | |

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| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 | of Bureau of Income Maintenance management systems in order to operate effectively current and new programs. One Division Director and one Financial Analyst. | |
| 9 10 | Total | \$ 298,993 |
| 11 12 | Welfare Employment, Education and Training | |
| 13 14 15 16 | Positions Personal Services All Other Capital Expenditures | (6) \$ 131,878 1,841,904 4,296 |
| 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 | Allocates funds to expand staff and supportive services to achieve the objectives of welfare reform. Six Welfare Employment, Education and Training Specialists are funded effective October 1, 1988. | |
| 27 28 | Total | \$1,978,078 |
| 29 30 | Welfare Employment, Education and Training | |
| 31 | All Other | \$3,077,000 |
| 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 | Allocates funds to purchase additional education, training and employment services for welfare recipients to achieve the objectives of | |

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397,324

623,200

achieve the objectives of welfare reform.

Aid to Families with

Dependent Children

All Other

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1
           Allocates
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           adjust the Aid
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           Families
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           Dependent
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           Standard of Need in
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           order
                     to allow
 7
           increased earnings for
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           Aid to Families with
 9
           Dependent
                       Children
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           recipients.
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                                                  623,200
12
     Total
       Administration - Income
13
14
       Maintenance
15
         Positions
                                                      (27)
                                                  645,447
16
         Personal Services
                                                   58,215
17
         All Other
                                                   19,888
18
        Capital Expenditures
19
          Allocates
                       funds
                               to
20
          increase child support
21
          enforcement staff
22
          upgrade effectiveness
23
          and increase revenues
24
          available to
25
          department
                               and
          citizens. Two Support
Enforcement Senior
26
27
28
          Field Supervisors, 2
29
          Social
                          Services
          Program Specialist II
30
31
          positions, 6 Human
32
          Services
                       Enforcement
                      7
33
          Agents,
                             Human
          Services Aide
34
                             III
35
          positions, 9
                            Clerk
36
          Typist II positions
37
          and
              one
                        Assistant
38
          Attorney
                          General
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          position.
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41
    Total
                                                 $723,550
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| 1 2 | Aid to Families with Dependent Children |
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| _ | begendent Children |
| 3 | All Other \$ 432,200 |
| 4 5 6 7 8 9 | Allocates funds for monthly benefit payments for a first-time pregnant woman in her last trimester of pregnancy. |
| 10 11 | Total \$ 432,200 |
| 12 13 | Medical Care - Payments to Providers |
| 14 | All Other \$ 281,400 |
| 15 16 17 18 19 20 | Allocates funds to cover increased medical payments resulting from an increase in Standard of Need. |
| 21 22 | Total \$ 281,400 |
| 23 24 | TOTAL \$3,411,269 |
| 25 26 27 28 | Sec. 13. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue Funds for fiscal year ending June 30, 1989, to carry out the purposes of this Act. |
| 29 | 1988-89 |
| 30 | HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF |
| 31 32 | Administration - Income Maintenance |
| 33 | Positions (13) |

| 1 | Personal Services | \$295,850 |
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| 2 3 | All Other | 31,889 |
| 3 | Capital Expenditures | 13,452 |
| 4 | Allocates funds to | |
| - | | |
| 2 | • | |
| 0 | Child Support | |
| / | Enforcement Staff to | |
| 5 6 7 8 9 | upgrade effectiveness | |
| | and increase revenues | |
| 10 | available to depart- | |
| 11 | ment and citizens. | |
| 12 | One Support | |
| 13 | Enforcement Field | |
| 14 | Supervisor, 6 Human | |
| 15 | Services Enforcement | |
| 16 | Agents, 2 Human | |
| 17 | Services Aide III | |
| 18 | | |
| | positions, 3 Clerk | |
| 19 | Typist III positions | |
| 20 | and One Clerk Typist | |
| 21 | II position. | |
| 22 | | |
| 23 | TOTAL | \$341,191 |
| رے | 10140 | 3341,131 |

24 FISCAL NOTE

This bill will require a General Fund appropriation of \$5,524,353 in fiscal year 1989, a federal allocation of \$8,411,269, and a special revenue allocation of \$341,191. This bill creates 89 positions: Twenty-four General Funded, 52 federally funded and 13 from special revenue. There is approximately \$5,636,853 included in the Supplemental Budget for Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program. The programs enacted by this bill will require additional General Fund appropriations in fiscal year 1990, increased Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Standard of Need first-time pregnancy benefits and Medicaid benefits (\$665,000) and other miscellaneous increases (\$310,000).'

 STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original bill. It is the majority report of the committee. It proposes a revision of the public assistance system by establishing the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program. It makes several other changes in current law related to public assistance.

Section 1 authorizes the Department of Human Services to participate in the determination of eligibility for various subsidies of telephone costs for low-income people as established by the Public Utilities Commission.

Section 2 authorizes the Department of Human Services to seek a waiver from federal regulations regarding elibility requirements for Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits. If the waiver is approved, recipients with children as young as 3 years old would be required to register in the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program in order to be eligible for Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits. Current law would require recipients with children as young as 6 years old to register in the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program. Certain exemptions which exist in the current federal laws and regulations would still apply to the recipients with the younger children. Recipients who have children with special needs will not be required to register. Under this amendment, recipients who volunteer are given priority for the Additional Support for People Retraining and Education Program support and Sufficient resources must be available, on services. regional basis, to serve voluntary participants before participation can be mandated.

Section 2 also enacts a mandatory registration requirement for the Family Services Program (FSP) for teenage parents who are recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Failure to register and actively participate in the program will not result in ineligibility for basic Aid to Families with Dependent

- Children benefits; however, supplemental support services, such as child care and transportation, may
- 3 be withheld pending participation in the program.
- Section 3 includes first-time pregnant women in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program during the last trimester of their pregnancy and authorize the department to seek a waiver to limit that program to teenagers.
- 9 Section 3 also requires the Department of Human 10 Services to notify the Joint Standing Committee on 11 Human Resources of any request for waivers from the 12 Federal Government concerning the Aid to Families with 13 Dependent Children, WEET, and Additional Support for 14 People in Retraining and Education Program and the 15 Emergency Assistance Program.
- Sections 4 to 9 establish the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program. The components of this proposal, under this amendment, are as follows.
- 1. The goal of Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program is to assist people in getting a job which pays well enough to support their family without public assistance and to increase their basic life skills and self-confidence.
- 2. It shall be administered by the Department of
 Human Services and jointly operated by the Department
 of Human Services and the Department of Labor and
 other state agencies having Additional Support for
 People in Retraining and Education Program
 responsibilities.
- 3. The Department of Human Services and the Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program recipient shall enter into a contract to provide Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program support and services to help the client meet their program goals.
- 4. Services and support shall be provided under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children and the JTPA programs. The program shall be jointly operated by the Department of Labor and the Department of Human

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- Services. The State will be divided into areas where the Department of Labor and the Department of Human Services jointly provide services and areas where the Department of Labor provides services under contract with the Department of Human Services.
 - Transitional such support services transportation, respite care and child care shall be provided to Additional Support for People Retraining and Education Program recipients who become employed and lose their Aid to Families with Dependent Children eligibility. Respite care has also been added as a support service under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program. In both cases, the person or facility providing that child care must meet all the health and safety standards which are now applicable to home baby-sitting services.
- 17 The Additional Support for People 18 Retraining and Education Program will provide extended 19 medical assistance for Additional Support for People 20 in Retraining and Education Program recipients who 21 become employed and lose their eligibility 22 Medicaid. The medical assistance shall be the same as 23 if the family were receiving cash assistance under Aid to Families with Dependent Children . Families with 24 income under 110% of the federal poverty income guidelines will not be required to pay any premium, 25 26 deductibles or copayments. Families with income of 110% to 150% of the federal poverty income guidelines will pay a portion of the premium, based on their 27 28 29 earnings. Families with income over 150% of the 30 31 federal poverty guidelines will not receive 32 supplement. The supplement shall be available for up to 12 months after the recipient becomes ineligible 33 Aid to Families with Dependent Children 34 for 35 benefits. Federal changes in the Medicaid program are anticipated within the next year. The medical assistance component of Additional Support for People 36 37 in Retraining and Education Program will sunset June 38 30, 1989. 39
 - 7. No Additional Support for People in Retraining and Education Program participant shall be ineligible for assistance for failure to participate, if that participation is based on just cause as defined by this bill.

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| 2 | the Joint St. | anding Cor | nmittee o | n Human | Resources | s on the |
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The appropriation in this amendment also provides funds for additional staff in the Resource Recovery Unit and the Child Support Enforcement Unit.

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