

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 255

In Senate, March 7, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator PERKINS of Hancock, Representative FOSS of Yarmouth and Representative McGOWAN of Canaan.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Provide Increased Funding for the Family Planning Association's Basic Clinical and Educational Services.



1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

3 **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the
5 General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

7 1989-90 1990-91

9 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

11 **Bureau of Health**

13 **Division of Maternal and
Child Health**

15 All Other \$425,000 \$425,000

17 Provides funds to allow the
19 Family Planning Association
21 of Maine, Inc. to continue to
23 provide clinical services at
25 current levels, with a 3.7%
expansion in client base for
fiscal year 1989-90 and 1.7%
for fiscal year 1990-91.

27 Provides funds for ongoing
29 and new education and
31 training programs for
33 communities, teachers,
parents, students, health
care professionals and clergy
in the area of sexuality and
responsible decision making.

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37 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

39 The Legislature declared in the family planning services
41 laws, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 406, that
43 family planning services be made readily accessible to all
45 persons desiring these services and authorized the Department of
47 Human Services to receive and disburse funds to any nonprofit
organization, including the Family Planning Association of Maine,
Inc., or FPA, and its affiliates. Since that time, the
department has provided funding to the FPA for clinical and
educational programs.

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Since 1973, the FPA statewide clinic system has provided low-cost and high quality clinical and educational services to teenagers, parents, teachers and health care professionals. In 1987, FPA served 33,000 clinical clients and more than 20,000 persons with educational programs.

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At current funding levels, FPA will be unable to continue to provide existing levels of clinical and education services. In the past 5 years, federal funds to FPA have decreased 38%. FPA has worked to make up for some of the lost funds; Medicaid collections increased 54% and patient fees and donations increased by 195% between 1982 and 1987. Despite these efforts, FPA will experience significant funding deficits in fiscal year 1989-90 and fiscal year 1990-91 even if its client base remains level. If FPA's client base increases as projected, deficits will run even higher. The major impact of these deficits will be upon the working poor who are not eligible for Medicaid and cannot pay for the services.

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Therefore, additional state funds are needed to maintain existing levels of client service and provide for small projected increases in FPA's client bases. Additional state funds are also needed for new and existing educational programs.

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