

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, March 28, 1989

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROLDE of York.

Cosponsored by Representative RIDLEY of Shapleigh, Representative MURPHY of Berwick and Representative FARNUM of South Berwick.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act to Establish a Demonstration Project in York County to  
Provide a System of Resources for Children in Need.

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

3 **Sec. 1. Demonstration project.** The Committee for the  
5 Interdepartmental Coordination of Services to Children and  
7 Families shall develop as a demonstration project in York County  
9 a model network of coordinated residential programs and  
11 facilities for children and adolescents who are behaviorally or  
emotionally disturbed and who cannot live with their families.  
The network of programs and facilities shall consist of an  
appropriate mix of emergency shelters, therapeutic group homes  
and professional foster homes.

13 In carrying out this Act, the Committee for the  
15 Interdepartmental Coordination of Services to Children and  
17 Families shall actively involve the York County Child Abuse and  
19 Neglect Council, Inc., including participation in the development  
of a request for proposals to establish the demonstration  
project, the selection of a contractor or contractors to provide  
facilities and programs and the development and implementation of  
necessary service policies and procedures.

21 Activities of the demonstration project shall be overseen by  
23 the Committee for the Interdepartmental Coordination of Services  
25 to Children and Families, which shall provide support and  
technical assistance and ensure that the demonstration project is  
coordinated with other available children's services.

27 **Sec. 2. Report.** The Committee for the Interdepartmental  
29 Coordination of Services to Children and Families shall report  
annually in January to the Governor and the joint standing  
31 committee having jurisdiction over human resources matters on the  
33 progress of the demonstration project, including an evaluation of  
the project and recommendations on whether the network should be  
expanded to other areas of the State.

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

39 1989-90 1990-91

41 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

43 **Child Welfare Services**

45 All Other \$144,000 \$1,356,000

47 Provides funds for start-up  
49 costs and first year  
operation of a demonstration  
project in York County to  
51 provide alternative

1 residential programs and  
2 facilities for children and  
3 adolescents in York County.

5 Funding shall provide for the  
6 following facilities and  
7 services: 4 Therapeutic  
8 Group Homes, \$144,000 in  
9 fiscal year 1990 and \$756,000  
10 in fiscal year 1991; One  
11 Emergency Shelter, \$300,000  
12 in fiscal year 1991; and 10  
13 Professional Foster Homes,  
14 \$300,000 in fiscal year 1991.

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18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

19 This bill would begin to address the problem of providing  
20 adequate care for children from ages 6 through 17 who are  
21 behaviorally or emotionally disturbed and who cannot live with  
22 their families. It would create a demonstration project in York  
23 County, consisting of an appropriate mix of emergency shelters,  
24 therapeutic group homes and professional foster homes.

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26 The project would be established, overseen and evaluated by  
27 the Committee for the Interdepartmental Coordination of Services  
28 to Children and Families, which would report annually to the  
29 Governor and the joint standing committee having jurisdiction  
30 over human resources matters in the Legislature.  
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