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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

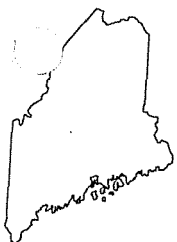
Presented by Representative FOSS of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc, Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representative DAGGETT of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Authorize the Department of Human Services to Implement
the Provisions of the United States Family Support Act of 1988.**



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

3 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3772, sub-§4,** as amended by PL 1983, c. 730,
5 **§4,** is further amended to read:

7 **4. Registrant.** "Registrant" means a recipient of Aid to
9 Families with Dependent Children under the United States Social
11 Security Act, ~~Title-IV-(A)~~ Subchapter IV-A, who has registered
13 with the ~~Welfare,--Employment,--Education-and-Training-Program-of~~
the Department of Human Services ~~or-its-successors~~ for education,
training, supportive services and employment activities pursuant
to the United States Social Security Act, ~~Title-IV-(C)~~ Subchapter
IV-F or its successors.

15 **Sec. 2. 22 MRSA 3778,** as amended by PL 1983, c. 730, §8, is
17 repealed.

19 **Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3781,** as enacted by PL 1987, c. 856, §§7 and
21 10, is amended to read:

23 **§3781. Additional Support for People in Retraining
and Education Program established**

25 **1. Administration.** The Additional Support for People in
27 Retraining and Education Program shall be administered by the
Department of Human Services ~~and--jointly--operated--by--the~~
29 ~~Department-of-Human-Services,--the-Department-of-Labor-and-other~~
~~state--agencies--having-responsibilities-relating-to-the-goals-of~~
this program. The Department of Human Services may contract with
31 the Department of Labor and any public or private agency or
individual to implement this program in selected areas of the
State.

33 **2. Purpose.** The purpose of this program is to provide
35 services and support to recipients of Aid to Families with
37 Dependent Children and food stamps and to reduce dependence on
public assistance. The principal goal shall be to assist the
39 recipient in securing stable employment which pays wages
41 sufficient to maintain adequate family income without public
assistance and to increase the basic life skills and
self-confidence of the recipient.

43 **3. Employability plan.** The department and the client shall
45 enter into a ~~contract~~ an employability plan to embody the goals
of the client and the services and support of agencies' services
47 offered by the program.

49 **4. Scope of program.** The department may administer a job
opportunities and basic skills training program for recipients of
Aid to Families with Dependent Children in accordance with the
United States Social Security Act, United States Code, Title 42,
51 Subchapters IV-A and IV-F, and the regulations promulgated

1 pursuant to that Act. The department may elect to exercise any
2 or all of the options described in United States Code, Title 42,
3 Subchapters IV-A and IV-F or subsequent amendments provided;
4 however, the federal financial participation is available with
5 regard to any option chosen.

7 5. Food stamp recipients. The department may administer a
8 job opportunities program for recipients of food stamps in
9 accordance with the United States Food Stamps Act of 1977, Public
10 Law 93-133, Section 17 as amended by the Food Security Act of
11 1985, Public Law 99-198, and the Food and Nutrition Service
12 regulation, 7 Code of Federal Regulations 273.7 enacted December
13 31, 1986. In accordance with that federal regulation, recipients
14 of benefits who volunteer for the program need not be served
15 first.

17 Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3782, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 856,
18 §7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

19 2. Coordination. The department shall coordinate its job
20 opportunities and basic skills training program established by
21 this chapter with programs operated under the Federal Job
22 Training Partnership Act, as established in Public Law 97-300,
23 enacted October 13, 1982, and with any other relevant employment,
24 training and education program available in the State.

27 Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §3783, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 856, §§7 and
28 10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

29 §3783. Transitional services

31 1. Transitional services. Effective April, 1990, the
32 Department of Human Services shall establish a program to provide
33 transitional child care services to former recipients of the Aid
34 to Families with Dependent Children program who have become
35 ineligible for payments under that program because of increased
36 earnings from employment, increased hours of employment, or loss
37 of the so-called 30 and 1/3 earned income disregard.
38 Transitional services may be available to families for up to 12
39 months beginning with the month in which ineligibility begins
40 provided that:

43 A. The family unit received Aid to Families with Dependent
44 Children in at least 3 of the 6 months immediately preceding
45 the month of ineligibility;

47 B. The family unit includes a child who, throughout the
48 transition period, meets the definition of dependent child
49 outlined in the United States Social Security Act, Section
50 406(a).

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1 C. The caretaker relative of the family unit, as defined in
2 the United States Social Security Act, Section 406(a), has
3 not quit employment without good cause and has not failed to
4 cooperate with the State in establishing or enforcing the
5 caretaker's client support obligations.

7 2. Sliding fee scale. The department shall establish a
8 sliding fee scale formula to determine the family's ability to
9 contribute to the cost of transitional child care services.

11 Child care provided pursuant to this section must meet minimum
12 standards of health and safety required by state law.

13 **Sec. 6. PL 1987, c. 856, §10 is repealed.**

15 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
16 preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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22 This bill implements the provisions of the United States
23 Family Support Act of 1988 to take advantage of expanded federal
24 funding for employment training and education programs for
25 recipients of benefits of Aid to Families with Dependent Children.