

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

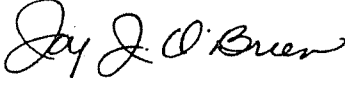
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No. 1194

S.P. 441

In Senate, April 13, 1989

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


JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland, Representative MARSANO of Belfast and Representative STEVENS of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Improve Family Communication with Adolescents.



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** \$250,000 \$250,000
15 **Child Health**

17 The Division of Maternal and
19 Child Health shall, through
21 the request for proposals
23 process, provide grants to
25 nonprofit organizations,
27 individuals, school districts
and similar groups for pilot
or ongoing programs that
train people specifically in
how to communicate
effectively around sexuality
issues.

29 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

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33 Approximately 3,000 teenagers in Maine became pregnant each
35 year. There has been great concern around the issue of these
37 teens talking to family members or other adults about the choices
39 they face. Parental involvement in this issue is an important
41 goal, but mandating such communication does not always work and
43 may be detrimental to teenagers. Unfortunately, most adults and
teens have received little or no training in how to communicate
about this issue once they are in a crisis or before there is a
crisis. Several programs have been highly successful in Maine in
providing this type of training and support but cannot continue
or expand due to lack of funding.

45 The funds provided for in this bill will go toward
47 supporting already existing programs and initiating new programs
that will provide training in communicating about sexuality
issues.