

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

Legislative Document

No. 1376

S.P. 502

In Senate, April 26, 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 GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

Cosponsored by Representative POULIOT of Lewiston, Representative ERWIN of Rumford and Representative HEPBURN of Skowhegan.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Provide Funding for Transitional Living Programs.

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

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

1989-90	1990-91
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MAINE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY

All Other	\$210,000	\$210,000
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Provides \$104,000 in 1989-90 and \$104,000 in 1990-91 to New Beginnings, Inc., \$26,000 in 1989-90 and \$26,000 in 1990-91 to the Rumford Group Home, and \$80,000 in 1989-90 and \$80,000 in 1990-91 to Goodwill-Hinckley to match capital and operational funds provided by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to establish transitional living programs.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development has provided capital and operational funds to establish transitional living programs at 3 locations in the State: Lewiston, Rumford and Hinckley. These programs will be operated by New Beginnings, Inc., Rumford Group Home and Goodwill-Hinckley. These nonprofit organizations will involve appropriate youth in group home living, progressing to semi-independent and eventually totally independent living arrangements. The group home and semi-independent portions of these 3 programs will offer services to up to 38 individuals at any one time. Appropriate counselors will be hired by the agencies to counsel, train and educate the youth to be served.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the facilities operating transitional housing programs to obtain matching state or local funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Currently, there are inadequate state or local funds specifically allocated for this purpose. This bill provides

- 1 funds to match those funds provided by the federal Department of
- Housing and Urban Development, thereby allowing much needed
- 3 transitional living programs to exist in this State.