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House of Representatives, May 9, 1989

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative FOSS of Yarmouth.

Cosponsored by Representative MacBRIDE of Presque Isle and Representative BOUTILIER of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Provide a Clothing Allowance for Recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

(EMERGENCY)



1	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
3	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
J	as emergencies, and
5	Whereas, this allowance is necessary to enable Aid to
7	Families with Dependent Children families to purchase school and
7	winter clothing; and
9	Whereas, this legislation requires payment of the clothing allowance in the month of August to ensure that these purchases
11	can be made prior to the beginning of the school year and the onset of cold weather; and
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15	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
17	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,
19	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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23	Sec. 1. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
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27	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
29	Bureau of Income Maintenance
31	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
33	All Other \$1,073,803
35	Provides funds for a special needs payment of \$100 per child in the month of August in
37	each year for the purchase of school and winter clothing. These payments shall not
39	be considered as income in the General Assistance program, except for the purpose
41	of determining clothing need.
43	Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Federal Expenditure Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
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1	Bureau of Income Maintenance
3	Aid to Families with Dependent Children
5	All Other \$2,044,99
7	Allocates funds for special needs payments of \$100 per child to Aid to Families with
9	Dependent Children families in the month of August in each year for the purchase of
11	school and winter clothing.
13	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.
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17	STATEMENT OF FACT
19	The maximum grant paid to Aid to Families with Dependen Children families in Maine equals only slightly more than 1/2 o
21	the poverty level. A parent and one child receive \$326 permonth. Many families use their entire monthly check to pay the
23	rent and have little, if any, money left over for school of winter clothing. The responsibility to provide clothing to Air
25	to Families with Dependent Children families is often left to municipal general assistance programs which meet these needs with
27	local dollars derived from the property tax and, in the case of some towns, some state assistance.
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31	This bill provides for an annual clothing allowance of \$100 per child to be paid to Aid to Families with Dependent Children families in the month of August for the purpose of purchasing
33	school and winter clothing. Under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program, approximately 2/3 of the cost of this
35	clothing will be provided by the Federal Government.

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