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H.P. 1242

House of Representatives, June 9, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset.

Cosponsored by Representative ROLDE of York, Senator CLARK of Cumberland and Representative CARROLL of Gray.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Provide Adequate Financial Resources for Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Teams.

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Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

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Whereas, child abuse and neglect is a growing problem within our State; and

Whereas, the suspected child abuse and neglect teams have been effective in providing holistic case management which focuses on early and timely intervention; and

Whereas, unless this legislation is enacted as an emergency measure, these teams will be forced to turn away prospective clients and waiting lists for the services will increase; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

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## General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the

#### 1989-90 1990-91

\$500,000

\$500,000

HUMAN SERVICES. DEPARTMENT OF 29

- **Bureau of Social Services** 31
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All Other

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#### **Purchased Social Services**

37 Provides \$460,000 in both fiscal years for existing 39 suspected child abuse and neglect teams to meet the 41 demand for services in current programs; and \$40,000 in each fiscal year to be 43 distributed in a manner which provides a geographic balance found a state to and 45 for new suspected child abuse and neglect programs in areas 47

- currently underserved.
- Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved. 51

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides \$460,000 in each of the fiscal years in the biennium to support current demand for services in existing suspected child abuse and neglect teams and \$40,000 in each fiscal year for new programs in areas currently underserved.

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