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S.P. 66

In Senate, January 8, 1991

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator FOSTER of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Representative PENDLETON of Scarborough and Representative HOLT of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

An Act to Meet the Increasing Critical Need for Visits by Maternal and Child Health Care Nurses to the Homes of Multiproblem Families.

(EMERGENCY)

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	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
	as emergencies; and
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	Whereas, the critical funding provided in this bill must be
6	available at the beginning of fiscal year 1991-92; and
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8	Whereas, the 90-day period will not expire until well into
	that fiscal year; and
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10	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
12	create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
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14	necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
	safety; now, therefore,
16	Do it amounted by the Doorlo of the State of Maine of following
<u>. 6</u> 1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
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54	Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from
20	the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
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26	Bureau of Health
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28	All Other \$492,000 \$492,000
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30	Provides funds for 12
30	additional community health
32	nurses. These funds will
J.	supplement currently
34	available Maternal and Child
J 1	Health Block Grant funds.
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50	Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the
38	preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.
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	STATEMENT OF FACT
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	The crisis in meeting growing needs of multiproblem families
44	can most effectively be met by community-based nurses who are the
	leaders in addressing prevention and early intervention in
46	families with substance abuse, child abuse, teen pregnancy.
10	families with substance abuse, child abuse, teen pregnancy, homelessness and other health issues.
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	To provide essential nursing services to this population,
50	guaranteed annual funding that is commensurate with the increased
50	operating program costs must be available. This bill provides
	funding for 12 community health nurses.
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