

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 228

S.P. 126

In Senate, February 1, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Representative RYDELL of Brunswick and Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Meet the Increased Need for Crisis Intervention and
Community Education Services Provided by Rape Crisis Centers in the
State.**

(EMERGENCY)

2 **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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6 **Whereas,** state police statistics reveal that the incidence
of reported rape has increased significantly during the past 2
years; and

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10 **Whereas,** during the same time period, calls reporting
incidents of sexual assault to the 10 rape crisis centers in the
State have increased dramatically; and

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14 **Whereas,** in order to address this rapidly growing need for
services in time for the upcoming fiscal year, funding must be
appropriated on an emergency basis; and

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18 **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,

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

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

	1991-92.	1992-93
30 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
32 Purchased Social Services		
34 All Other	\$180,000	\$180,000

36 Provides funds for staffing
and operating expenses for
38 the 10 Maine rape crisis
centers to maintain and
40 expand ongoing outreach,
direct services and
42 coordination of resources in
rural areas of the State.

44 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
46 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

48 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

50 The purpose of this bill is to enable rape crisis centers to
52 address the rapidly increasing need for services. The bill

2 provides funds that will allow rape crisis centers to maintain
3 present work loads and expand their mission to include community
4 response efforts. Broadening the efficiency of existing services
5 will include additional training for service providers already
6 employed in the community and increasing the ability to respond
to requests from rural areas presently underserved.