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Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CATHCART of Orono.

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

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Increase Availability of Family Preservation Services to Vulnerable Families.

(EMERGENCY)



	Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2	become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and
· 4	Whenex
6	Whereas, the number of families needing family preservation services has increased dramatically; and
8	Whereas, home-based family services that are currently available are not adequate to meet the demand; and
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12	Whereas, these services are a cost-effective means of preserving families; and
14	f Whereas, this Act appropriates funds for fiscal year 1991-92, which begins before this Act would otherwise take
16	effect; and
18	Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
20	Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
22	safety; now, therefore,
24	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
26	Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from
	the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.
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approximately 500 families per year. A family with a child at risk of unnecessary or inappropriate out-of-home placement is eligible for the service. Children who are ordinarily subject to out-of-home placement are able to remain in the family in a nurturing environment. This bill ensures that the safety net for families provided through home-based family services is available.