

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CARROLL of Gray.

Cosponsored by Representative CHONKO of Topsham, Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland and Representative POULIOT of Lewiston.

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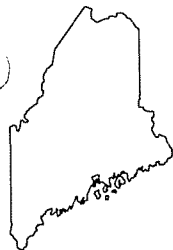
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

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**An Act to Improve the Standard of Living for Children from  
Low-income Families.**

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(EMERGENCY)



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

4           Whereas, the maximum grant provided to families eligible for  
6           Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits equals only 1/2  
of the established poverty level; and

8           Whereas, Aid to Families with Dependent Children families  
10           have not received a benefit increase in over a year; and

12           Whereas, inflation has increased by over 5% during that  
period and the costs of certain basic necessities such as fuel  
14           oil have increased dramatically; and

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

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

24           **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1991-92	1992-93
<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
<b>Aid to Families with Dependent Children</b>		
34           All Other	\$1,880,357	\$3,706,698
36           Provides funds to increase 38           the Aid to Families with 40           Dependent Children standard of need and payment standard by 5% in each year.		
<b>Medical Care - Payments to Providers</b>		
44           All Other	189,314	425,986
46           Provides funds for the state share of Medicaid payments.		
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
50 <b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$2,069,671</u>	<u>\$4,132,684</u>

2           **Sec. 2. Deappropriation.**    The following funds are  
4 deappropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of  
this Act.

6		1991-92	1992-93
8	<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
10	<b>Maine Health Program</b>		
12	All Other	(\$109,820)	(\$219,640)
14	Deappropriates department		
16	funds from the Maine Health		
18	Program no longer needed as a		
20	result of the increase in the		
	number of families eligible		
	for Medicaid under this Act.		

22           **Sec. 3. Allocation.**    The following funds are allocated from the  
Federal Expenditures to carry out the purposes of this Act.

24		1991-92	1992-93
26	<b>HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>		
28	<b>Aid to Families with Dependent</b>		
30	<b>Children</b>		
32	All Other	\$3,156,763	\$6,151,542
34	Allocates federal funds to		
36	increase the Aid to Families		
38	with Dependent Children		
	standard of need and payment		
	standard by 5% in each year.		

40           **Medical Care - Payment to Providers**

42	All Other	317,822	706,956
44	Reallocates federal funds to		
46	provide additional funds for		
	Medicaid payments.		

48	<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES</b>		
50	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$3,474,585</u>	<u>\$6,858,498</u>

52           **Sec. 4. Deallocation.**    The following funds are deallocated from  
Federal Expenditures to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF  
Medical Care - Payment to Providers

All Other

\$48,983

\$109,428

Deallocates funds no longer  
needed in the Maine Health  
Program as a result of the  
increased number of children  
covered by Medicaid under  
this Act.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for an increase in the Aid to Families  
with Dependent Children standard of need and payment standard of  
5% in each of the next 2 years.