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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLARK of Brunswick. Cosponsored by Representative OLIVER of Portland, Representative PARADIS of Frenchville and Representative MICHAUD of East Millinocket.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Provide a Clothing Allowance to Children Receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children Benefits.

(EMERGENCY)

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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

- Whereas, an allowance is necessary to enable Aid to Families with Dependent Children families to purchase much needed school clothing; and
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Whereas, this legislation requires payment of a clothing allowance in the month of August to ensure that purchases can be made prior to the beginning of the school year and the onset of cold weather; and

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

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

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Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3760-D is enacted to read:

24 §3760-D. Children's clothing allowance

26 The department shall provide a clothing allowance for the purpose of obtaining school clothing once annually, in the month 28 of August, to families with children who are eligible to receive assistance under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children 30 program, when those children enter or return to school or child care.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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- **38 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**
- 40 Bureau of Income Maintenance
- 42 Aid to Families with Dependent Children

All Other \$1,109,373 \$1,066,603

Provides funds for a special 48 needs payment of \$100 per child to be provided in the 50 month of August in each year for the purpose of purchasing 52 clothing.

2 Sec. 3. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Federal Expenditures to carry out the purposes of this Act. 4 1991-92 1992-93 6 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF 8 **Bureau of Income Maintenance** 10 Aid to Families with Dependent 12 Children All Other 14 \$1,862,427 \$1,770,107 16 Provides funds for a special needs payment of \$100 per child to be provided in the 18 month of August in each year 20 for the purpose of purchasing clothing. 22 Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved. 24 26 STATEMENT OF FACT 28 The maximum grant paid to Aid to Families with Dependent Children families in the State equals only slightly more than 1/2 30

Children families in the State equals only slightly more than 1/2 the poverty level. A parent and one child receive \$337 per
month. Families have received no increase in this assistance in the last year, despite inflation of over 5%.

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to 36 provide a clothing allowance to families that are receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits.

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