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S.P. 468

In Senate, March 21, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Labor 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 CONLEY of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Representative OLIVER of Portland and Representative TREAT of Gardiner.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Raise the Family Allowance in Unemployment Compensation
Benefits to a Reasonable Dependent Support Level.**



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

4 26 MRSA §1191, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1989, c. 363, §1, is further amended to read:

6 6. **Supplemental benefit for dependents.** An individual in
8 total or partial unemployment and otherwise eligible for benefits
10 shall ~~be~~ is paid for each week of that unemployment, in addition
12 to the amounts payable under subsections 2 and 3, the sum of \$10
14 \$25 for each unemancipated child of the individual who in any
16 part of the benefit year and during any part of the individual's
18 period of eligibility is, in fact, dependent upon and is being
20 wholly or mainly supported by the individual, and who is under
22 the age of 18, or who is 18 years of age or over and incapable of
24 earning wages because of mental or physical incapacity, or who is
26 a full-time student as defined in Title 39, section 2, subsection
4, paragraph C, or who is in that individual's custody pending
the adjudication of a petition filed by the individual for the
adoption of the child in a court of competent jurisdiction and
for each such child for whom that individual is under a decree or
order from a court of competent jurisdiction to contribute to
that child's support and for whom no other person is receiving
allowances ~~hereunder~~ under this subsection. In no instance may
the dependency benefits as provided in this subsection be more
than 50% of the individual's weekly benefit amount.

28 The commission shall prescribe regulations as to who may receive
a dependency allowance when both spouses are eligible to receive
unemployment compensation benefits.

30 No individual may be eligible to receive dependency allowances as
32 provided in this subsection for any week during which that
34 individual's spouse is employed full time provided that the
36 spouse is contributing some support to their dependent or
38 dependents. For purposes of this subsection, "employed full time"
means the receipt of any wages, earnings, salary or other income
equivalent to that amount which would be received for a 40-hour
work week.

40 STATEMENT OF FACT

42 This bill increases the dependent supplement for unemployed
44 workers from \$10 to \$25 per week per child.