

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 592

In Senate, April 17, 1991

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

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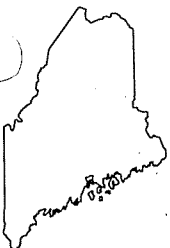
JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland
Cosponsored by Representative DUFFY of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Reward and Encourage Foster Parent Training and Skilled
Family Foster Care.**



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

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

	1991-92	1992-93
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Child Welfare Services		
12 All Other	\$321,644	\$695,128
14 Provides funds to serve as a		
16 financial incentive for		
18 foster parents to upgrade		
20 foster parenting skills for		
22 foster children not eligible		
for matching federal dollars		
and to provide respite of up		
to 2 weeks per year for		
foster parents.		
Aid to Families with Dependent		
Children - Foster Care		
26 All Other	\$102,282	\$228,213
28 Provides state seed for		
30 federal matching dollars to		
32 serve as a financial		
34 incentive for foster parents		
36 to upgrade skills to care for		
38 foster children. Also		
includes state seed for		
federal dollars to provide		
respite of up to 2 weeks per		
year for foster parents.		
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
40 TOTAL	<u>\$423,926</u>	<u>\$923,341</u>

42 **Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
44 Federal Expenditure funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1991-92	1992-93
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Aid to Families with Dependent		
Children - Foster Care		

2 All Other \$171,711 \$363,933

4 Provides the federal match to
6 serve as a financial
8 incentive for foster parents
10 to upgrade foster parenting
12 skills for foster children
and to provide the federal
match for up to 2 weeks of
respites per year for foster
parents.

14 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 The purpose of this bill is to reward and compensate foster
18 parents demonstrating exemplary foster parenting skills and to
provide incentives for other foster parents to upgrade their
20 skills to the exemplary level. Foster parents demonstrating one
level of skill would be eligible for an increase in current board
22 rates of \$90 a month and foster parents demonstrating a 2nd level
of skill would be eligible for an increase in current board rates
24 of \$160 a month. The incentive rates are based on the following
projections:

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	1991-92	1992-93
28 First skill level at \$90 a month	200 children	400 children
30 2nd skill level at \$160 a month	150 children	350 children

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34 In addition, this bill provides funds for up to 2 weeks of
respites per year for foster parents from the stress of foster
parenting in order to maintain the desired level of high-quality
36 foster care.