

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1708

H.P. 1167

House of Representatives, April 25, 1991

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DORE of Auburn.
Cosponsored by Representative PARADIS of Frenchville.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Reimburse Foster Parents for the True Cost of Raising a Foster Child.



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

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4 **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
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	\$1,021,680	\$1,072,764
14 Provides funds to upgrade the		
16 board rate for parenting		
18 Maine's foster children to		
20 the median cost of child		
rearing calculated by the		
United States Department of		
Agriculture.		
Aid to Families with Dependent		
Children - Foster Care		
24 All Other	\$324,890	\$352,192
26 Provides state seed for		
28 federal funds to upgrade the		
30 board rate for the State's		
32 foster children to equal the		
34 median child-rearing cost		
calculated by the United		
States Department of		
Agriculture.		
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
36 TOTAL	<u>\$1,346,570</u>	<u>\$1,424,956</u>

38 **Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
40 Federal Expenditures to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1991-92	1992-93
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Aid to Families with Dependent		
Children - Foster Care		
48 All Other	\$545,429	\$561,643
50 Provides the federal match to		

2 upgrade the board rate for
the State's foster children
4 to equal the median
child-rearing cost calculated
6 by the United States
Department of Agriculture.

8	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
10	TOTAL	<u>\$545,429</u>	<u>\$561,643</u>

12 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

14 The purpose of this bill is to upgrade the board rate for
16 the State's foster children to the median child-rearing cost
calculated by the United States Department of Agriculture.
18 Currently, the State's Level I board rate is 27% below the mean
calculated by the Federal Government.