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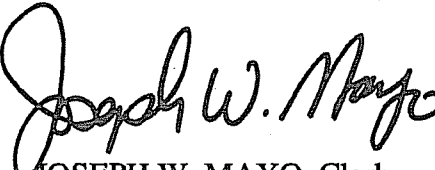
H.P. 450

House of Representatives, February 22, 1993

**Resolve, to Maximize the Availability of Federal Financing of Services
for Families and Children.**

(EMERGENCY)

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


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TREAT of Gardiner.
Cosponsored by Representative DAGGETT of Augusta, Senator PARADIS of Aroostook and
Representatives: GEAN of Alfred, MICHAUD of East Millinocket.

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

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6 Whereas, a committee must begin its work as soon as the
Legislature has adjourned; and

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

14 **Sec. 1. Federal Funds Advisory Committee established. Resolved:**
That the Federal Funds Advisory Committee is established to
16 review federal grants and funding streams potentially available
to help finance state services for families with children and
18 other services provided to state citizens; and be it further

20 **Sec. 2. Duties. Resolved:** That the Federal Funds Advisory
Committee shall review and make recommendations as needed on the
22 following issues:

24 1. A review of available federal resources for families
with children;

26 2. The mechanism for state agencies to access these funds;

28 3. An analysis of the present utilization of federal funds
30 for families with children; and

32 4. Any potential means to increase the utilization of these
funds; and be it further

34 **Sec. 3. Membership. Resolved:** That the Federal Funds
36 Advisory Committee consists of the following members:

38 1. One member of the Senate and one member of the House of
Representatives from the Joint Standing Committee on Human
40 Resources, appointed by the presiding officers of their
respective legislative bodies;

42 2. One member of the Senate and one member of the House of
44 Representatives from the Joint Standing Committee on
Appropriations, appointed by the presiding officers of their
46 respective legislative bodies;

48 3. Two members representing business interests in the
State, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one
50 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

2 4. Four members representing advocates for coordinated
3 services for families, one appointed by the President of the
4 Senate, one appointed by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives and two appointed by the Governor; and

6 5. The Commissioner of Human Services, or the
7 commissioner's designee, who serves ex officio; and be it further
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10 **Sec. 4. Appointment deadline; first meeting. Resolved:** That
11 appointments must be made within 30 days of the effective date of
12 this resolve. The Federal Funds Advisory Committee shall hold
its first meeting, called by the Executive Director of the
14 Legislative Council, before August 1st; and be it further

16 **Sec. 5. Report. Resolved:** That the Federal Funds Advisory
17 Committee shall report its findings to the Joint Standing
18 Committee on Human Resources and the Joint Standing Committee on
Appropriations and the Governor no later than November 5, 1993.
20 Recommendations must include steps to increase federal financing
opportunities, with a delineation of potential dollars saved,
22 costs avoided and interagency collaboration necessary. The
committee shall also recommend methods to evaluate the State's
ongoing utilization of federal funds; and be it further
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26 **Sec. 6. Staff. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall
27 provide staff from the Office of Fiscal and Program Review and
28 the Office of Policy and Legal Analysis to support the Federal
Funds Advisory Committee in carrying out its duties; and be it
30 further

32 **Sec. 7. Expenses. Resolved:** That the legislative members of
the Federal Funds Advisory Committee receive expenses and
34 legislative per diem for all meetings of the committee. Other
members are reimbursed for their expenses; and be it further

36 **Sec. 8. Chair. Resolved:** That the Federal Funds Advisory
37 Committee shall elect a chair from its membership at its first
38 meeting.

40 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.
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44 STATEMENT OF FACT

46 This resolve proposes to establish a Federal Funds Advisory
47 Committee, staffed by the Legislative Council, to review and make
48 recommendations on how Maine can maximize federal funding for
families with children.