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No. 2118

S.P. 791

In Senate, January 20, 1998

**An Act to Increase Economic Security for the State's Low-income
Children and Families and Prevent Additional Costs to Municipalities.**

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services 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 RAND of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MITCHELL of Portland and
Senators: PARADIS of Aroostook, PINGREE of Knox, Representatives: BROOKS of
Winterport, McALEVEY of Waterboro, O'BRIEN of Augusta, QUINT of Portland, ROWE of
Portland, TOWNSEND of Portland.

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

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3 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3769-B** is enacted to read:

4 **§3769-B. Assistance in meeting basic needs**

6 Beginning July 1, 1998, the department shall increase the
7 standard of need and the maximum payment in TANF by an amount
8 equal to 5% of the amounts that were in effect on January 1, 1998.

12 **SUMMARY**

14 The purpose of this bill is to increase the amount of
15 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families with the objectives of
16 reducing poverty among children and families and decreasing the
17 amount of assistance low-income families seek from municipal
18 general assistance programs.

20 This bill increases the standard of need and the maximum
21 payment for families in the Temporary Assistance for Needy
22 Families program by an amount equal to 5%.