

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

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Legislative Document

No. 591

S.P. 202

In Senate, January 21, 1999

**An Act to Increase Access to Primary Health Care in Rural Maine.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Representative: STANLEY of Medway.

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

**Whereas, the need for health care personnel in underserved geographical areas of Maine is critical; and**

**Whereas,** the Maine Area Health Education Centers System is directed to implement educational system incentives to attract and retain health care personnel in underserved areas; and

**Whereas, without operating funds the Maine Area Health Education Centers System will be unable to fulfill its mission; and**

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

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

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

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**FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE**

## Student Financial Assistance Programs

All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
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Provides funds for the operating costs of the Maine Area Health Education Centers System.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

## SUMMARY

This bill provides funds for the operation of the Maine Area Health Education Centers System as designated in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 12851. The system will

2       implement the mission as originally established in Public Law  
1991, chapter 372.