

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 937

H.P. 681

House of Representatives, February 3, 1999

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### An Act to Improve Access to Health Care for School-age Children.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.  
Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of York and  
Representatives: HEIDRICH of Oxford, HONEY of Boothbay, KANE of Saco, MURPHY of  
Berwick, RICHARD of Madison, ROWE of Portland, Senators: BERUBE of Androscoggin,  
GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.

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

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

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**HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

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**School Based Health Centers**

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All Other

\$300,000

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Provides funds to assist with the cost of maintaining services provided by Maine's 14 established school-based health centers. The department shall adopt rules to distribute available funding. These rules are routine technical rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

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**SUMMARY**

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There are currently 14 school-based health centers in Maine that provide a wide range of easily accessible health-related services to Maine students. State, federal and private funding sources have traditionally been available only to start up these centers. Operating revenues are primarily derived from 3rd-party payors of health services; these revenues are frequently insufficient to maintain many essential services. This bill provides support to those 14 established programs to ensure the provision of a full range of services to Maine students.

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