

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1315

H.P. 938

House of Representatives, February 16, 1999

An Act to Ensure the Quality and Safety of Child Care.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Speaker ROWE of Portland.

Under suspension of the rules, cosponsored by Senator LONGLEY of Waldo and Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, BRENNAN of Portland, BRUNO of Raymond, DAVIDSON of Brunswick, FULLER of Manchester, KANE of Saco, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach, MADORE of Augusta, MAILHOT of Lewiston, MATTHEWS of Winslow, TESSIER of Fairfield, TOWNSEND of Portland, Senators: CATHCART of Penobscot, KONTOS of Cumberland, LAWRENCE of York, MURRAY of Penobscot, PARADIS of Aroostook, PINGREE of Knox.

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

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Sec. 1. Department of Human Services; rulemaking. The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules necessary to:

1. Allow the provision of after-school care for students 12 to 15 years old;
2. Allow the provision of full-day, year-round Head Start programming;
3. Maximize the procurement of federal funds available as a result of the increased State contribution in section 2; and
4. Implement any other portion of this Act.

Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

Sec. 2. 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

Purchased Social Services

All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,100,000
Provides funds for additional infant, toddler and preschool child care subsidies.		

Purchased Social Services

All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,050,000
Provides funds for additional school-aged child care subsidies.		

Purchased Social Services

All Other	\$500,000	\$525,000
Provides funds for after-school services to the 12-to-15-year age group. Service of this age group		

2 would necessitate a change in
policy.

4 **Purchased Social Services**

6 All Other \$1,500,000 \$1,575,000

8 Provides funds to support
10 systemic quality improvements
such as increased wages,
12 training and facilities
improvements.

14 **Purchased Social Services**

16 All Other \$1,500,000 \$1,575,000

18 Provides funds to support
incentives for child care
20 providers to offer care
during odd hours and in
22 under-served geographic areas.

24 **Head Start**

26 All Other \$1,500,000 \$1,575,000

28 Provides funds to support
full-day, year-round Head
30 Start programming, including
children 0 to 5 years of age.

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34 **Service Center - Auditing, Contracting
and Licensing**

36 All Other \$200,000 \$210,000

38 Provides funds to increase
the capacity of OCCHS and
40 ACLSC to meet statutory/legal
requirements of planning for,
42 implementing and monitoring
increased services.

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46 **Service Center - Auditing, Contracting
and Licensing**

48 All Other \$375,000 \$393,750

50 Provides funds to support the

2 Resource Development Center
system's needs for increased
3 staffing, technical
4 assistance and advancing
technology.

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8 **Service Center - Auditing, Contracting
and Licensing**

10	Positions - Legislative Count	(10.000)	(10.000)
	Personal Services	\$252,923	\$350,362
12	All Other	56,500	42,000
14	Total	<u>\$309,423</u>	<u>\$392,362</u>

16 Provides funds for 10
17 additional positions to
18 provide additional support to
the Auditing, Contracting and
20 Licensing Center.

22	DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES		
24	TOTAL	<u>\$8,884,423</u>	<u>\$9,396,112</u>

26 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill provides additional General Fund appropriations
for child care services, Head Start and the Auditing, Contracting
30 and Licensing Service Center to the Department of Human
Services. This bill also requires the Department of Human
32 Services to adopt rules to implement the programs funded in the
bill.