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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1999

Legislative Document

No. 1815

H.P. 1261

House of Representatives, March 11, 1999

Resolve, to Create Grants for the Creation of After-school Child Care Programs in Public Elementary and Middle Schools.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

OSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative O'NEIL of Saco.

Sec. 1. After-school child care grants. Resolved: That Education shall administer program 2 Department of а after-school child care grants to encourage public schools to establish and operate child care centers in school buildings after normal school hours. The grants may be for a maximum of \$3,000 per school administrative unit and are available for either the 1999-2000 school year or the 2000-2001 school year. Funds awarded under the grant program must be distributed by the 8 department as part of the general purpose aid to education 10 disbursement and may be used only for the costs to the school administrative unit in establishing and operating an after-school The department shall award grants to eligible 12 child care center. school administrative units on a first-come first-served basis as 14 long as funds are available. The department may adopt rules necessary to administer the grant program in accordance with the 16 Maine Administrative Procedure Act, but the school administrative units retain control over the location of child care centers, rate-setting, staffing decisions and day-to-day operation of the 18 centers. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20 5, chapter 375, subchapter II-A; and be it further

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Sec. 2. Appropriation. Resolved: That the following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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#### After-school Child Care Grant Program \$300,000 \$300,000

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Provides funds for grants to school administrative units to cover start-up costs of establishing after-school child care centers in schools.

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### **SUMMARY**

42 This resolve establishes a grant program in the Department of Education to assist school administrative units with the start-up costs of establishing after-school child care centers in public schools. Each school unit is eligible for a grant of up to \$3,000 in either of the next 2 school years.