

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1719

House of Representatives, January 10, 2000

**An Act to Amend a Formula to Allocate Child Development Funds.**

(EMERGENCY)

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

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

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

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SULLIVAN of Biddeford.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: KANE of Saco, LEMOINE of Old Orchard Beach,  
McALEVEY of Waterboro, O'NEIL of Saco, TWOMEY of Biddeford, Senator:  
LaFOUNTAIN of York.

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

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6           **Whereas,** under Chapter 182: Formula for Distribution of  
Funds to Child Development Services Regional Sites, the rules  
adopted by the Department of Education establishing a funding  
8 formula for Child Development Services System regional sites, a  
site could receive 5% less funding than in the previous fiscal  
10 year; and

12           **Whereas,** Chapter 182 took effect provisionally on June 30,  
1999 and affects allocations made for fiscal year 1999-00; and

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16           **Whereas,** the effect of Chapter 182 is to decrease funding to  
many regional sites, which may already be facing a budget  
shortage; and

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20           **Whereas,** the regional sites in York County currently are  
facing a funding shortage for fiscal year 1999-00 of \$300,000.  
The effect of Chapter 182 is to decrease the funding by another  
22 \$150,000, causing a total shortfall for the regional sites in  
York County of \$450,000; and

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26           **Whereas,** these decreases in funding will have devastating  
effects on the provision of services by the Child Development  
Services System; and

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30           **Whereas,** Chapter 182 must be changed immediately to  
ameliorate the devastating effects; and

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

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

40           **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7727, sub-§4-A, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1999,  
c. 296, §5, is amended to read:

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44           B. The formula may allocate a portion of total funds, ~~net~~  
~~to exceed 8% of the State's general fund appropriation for~~  
~~the Child Development Services System, for distribution~~ to  
46 the regional sites based on unanticipated changes in costs  
or amount of mandated services provided during the fiscal  
48 year. The formula may also include a provision to limit the  
magnitude of gain ~~or less~~ of funds a site will experience  
50 from one fiscal year to the next. The formula may not

