

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 426

House of Representatives, February 6, 2001

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**An Act to Provide Support for Impoverished Communities for Economic Development.**

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Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative McGLOCKLIN of Embden.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BRYANT of Dixfield, McGOWAN of Pittsfield,  
RICHARDSON of Brunswick, STEDMAN of Hartland, TESSIER of Fairfield, Senators:  
DAVIS of Piscataquis, SHOREY of Washington.

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

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**CONCEPT DRAFT  
SUMMARY**

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This bill is a concept draft pursuant to Joint Rule 208.

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10 This bill proposes to establish an ombudsman position at the  
12 state level through the State Planning Office to provide  
14 assistance and guidance to Maine's poorest counties in seeking  
16 creative funding sources. The ombudsman will help municipalities  
procure grants and other alternative funding sources and may  
provide research and grant-writing services. Criteria to qualify  
for assistance must be easily understood and will be set out by  
widely publicized rules established by the State Planning Office.