

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 1478

S.P. 598

In Senate, April 5, 2023

**An Act to Improve Women's Health and Economic Security by
Funding Family Planning Services**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PIERCE of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative MEYER of Eliot and
Senators: CARNEY of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, Representatives:
BRENNAN of Portland, CLOUTIER of Lewiston, GATTINE of Westbrook, MILLETT of
Cape Elizabeth, Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland, TERRY of Gorham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1912** is enacted to read:

3 **§1912. Continued access to family planning services**

4 **1. Access to services.** In accordance with this chapter, the department shall provide
5 funding to maintain continued statewide access to family planning services. The
6 department shall issue a request for proposals from qualified providers of family planning
7 services. The department shall select one provider to provide management and oversight
8 of the delivery of family planning services in this State, including, but not limited to, the
9 coordination and management of any subrecipients, and shall distribute funds appropriated
10 for that purpose.

11 **2. Fund established.** The Fund to Maintain Access to Statewide Family Planning
12 Services, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a dedicated, nonlapsing
13 fund within the department to provide family planning services under this section. The
14 department may accept funds into the fund from any public or private source for the
15 purposes of awarding a grant under this section. Any funds appropriated to the fund may
16 not supplant other sources of funding.

17 **3. Grant.** The department shall make funds available from the fund in the form of a
18 grant and may not distribute any funds under a fee-for-service format.

19 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
20 allocations are made.

21 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

22 **Fund to Maintain Access to Statewide Family Planning Services N339**

23 Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to be distributed to a single grantee who will provide
24 management and oversight of the delivery of family planning services.

25 GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
26 All Other	\$3,390,000	\$3,390,000
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28 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,390,000	\$3,390,000

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill provides ongoing appropriations of \$3,390,000 in each year of the biennium
31 from the General Fund to be distributed by the Department of Health and Human Services
32 to a single grantee to provide management and oversight of the delivery of family planning
33 services.