

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION-2026

Legislative Document

No. 2136

S.P. 835

In Senate, January 7, 2026

**An Act to Support Victims of Trafficking in Maine in Response to
Federal Funding Cuts**

(EMERGENCY)

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

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DAREK M. GRANT".

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

3 **Whereas**, federal funding for anti-trafficking services has been delayed; and

4 **Whereas**, this creates a gap in funding key services for survivors of human trafficking
5 in Maine; and

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

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

11 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
12 allocations are made.

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

14 **Purchased Social Services 0228**

15 Initiative: Provides one-time funding for anti-trafficking services.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$317,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$317,000	\$0

20 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation
21 takes effect when approved.

22 **SUMMARY**

23 This bill provides one-time funding to support the Preble Street anti-trafficking
24 services program in order to replace federal funding that has been delayed.