

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 835

In Senate, January 7, 2026

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

(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 Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NANGLE of Cumberland.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

## Purchased Social Services 0228

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

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
All Other	\$317,000	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$317,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

## SUMMARY

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