

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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In Senate, January 12, 1949.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Williams of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Appropriating Moneys for Board and Care of Neglected Children.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the provisions of present laws dealing with board and care of neglected children has resulted in increased number of children committed to the state, and

Whereas, the average cost of caring for such children within present appropriations is \$24 per month and such average cost is inadequate to obtain sufficient foster homes for such children, and

Whereas, more moneys are necessary to increase payments for foster care to prevent hardships and suffering to many deserving children, and

Whereas, in the judgment of this legislature these facts constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, now, therefore,

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

Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949 for board and care of neglected children.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.