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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 286

In Senate, February 9, 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 Child Welfare Services.

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

Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund from moneys not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$40,000 for each year of the biennium ending June 30, 1951 for child welfare services.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This appropriation is requested by the department of health and welfare to provide temporary care for children of unmarried mothers. Such an appropriation will allow the department to work with such mothers in making plans for these children including adoptions and other types of care. By doing such service work the department will be able to forestall the commitment of many such children. It is a preventive measure against having to support such children for periods ranging up to 18 years.