



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2025

Legislative Document

No. 1061

H.P. 690

House of Representatives, March 14, 2025

An Act to Increase Community Support for Families in Maine

(EMERGENCY)

Received by the Clerk of the House on March 12, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MEYER of Eliot.

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,** the safety and well-being of children is paramount; and

4 **Whereas,** this legislation provides funding to strengthen the capacity of the Maine
5 Child Abuse Prevention Councils to provide essential child abuse prevention services and
6 must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to ensure the funding is available
7 as soon as possible; and

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

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

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

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

16 **Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307**

17 Initiative: Provides funding to the Office of Child and Family Services to strengthen the
18 capacity of the Maine Child Abuse Prevention Councils to provide universal community
19 support for families and essential child abuse prevention services statewide.

20 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
21 All Other	\$1,563,470	\$1,563,470
22		
23 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,563,470</u>	<u>\$1,563,470</u>

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

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill provides funding to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of
28 Child and Family Services to strengthen the capacity of the Maine Child Abuse Prevention
29 Councils to provide universal community support for families and essential child abuse
30 prevention services statewide.