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Mental Health and Corrections

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Mental Health and Corrections

Authority of Department of Mental Health and Corrections to apply for and receive federal funds for planning.

FACTS:

The 101st Maine Legislature has appropriated funds for the purpose of construction at the Boys Training Center situated at South Portland, Maine.

QUESTION:

Has the Department of Mental Health and Corrections authority to apply for and receive federal funds for planning with respect to proposed construction?

ANSWER:

Yes.

OPINION:

R.S. 1954, c. 27, §1 as amended provides with respect to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections as follows:

"The department is authorized to apply for and receive federal funds under the Housing Act of 1954, Public Law 360, title 7."

Under the cited statute the Department of Mental Health and Corrections has authority to apply for and receive funds from the Federal Government for public works planning without the approval of the Governor and Executive Council or of any other State Agency.

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