

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 381

H. P. 260

House of Representatives, January 26, 1967

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Fuller of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Increasing Amount of State Grants for Community Mental Health
Facilities.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 34, § 2055, amended. The first sentence of section 2055 of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

Such grant of money shall not exceed in any single year ~~1/2~~ $\frac{3}{4}$ of the operating expenses incurred by the municipality, governmental unit or nonprofit corporation receiving the grant after deducting from said expense the fees, if any, received for the services rendered.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections the sum of \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 and \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

There is a statutory limitation of the percentage of grant-in-aid assistance which is given to community mental health services organized and operated in communities (including day classes for the trainable retarded). The Bureau of Mental Health would like to have the ability to increase this percentage to certain services or to services in economically depressed areas on a selective basis. In addition to the appropriation request, the Mental Health Improvement Fund established under P. L. 503 passed by the special session of the 102nd Legislature will provide further funding under the community mental health grant-in-aid program.