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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 740

H. P. 564

House of Representatives, February 10, 1971

Referred to Committee on Health and Institutional Services. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gill of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Comprehensive State-wide Planning and
Services for the Developmentally Disabled.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, it is essential that a comprehensive State-wide plan for the developmentally disabled be established and that services be provided on a State-wide basis to the developmentally disabled; and

Whereas, The 91st Congress of the United States under the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Amendments of 1970, P. L. 9-517, has made available to the State of Maine the sum of \$100,000, subject to application being made therefor, which funds are intended for planning programs, services, construction for the mentally retarded, epileptic, cerebralpalsied and persons suffering from neurological impairments on a 3 to 1 matching basis; and

Whereas, such federal matching funds will be available as of April 15, 1971 and must be encumbered or expended by June 30, 1971; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Mental Retardation with the advice of the State Planning and Advisory Counsel for the Developmental Disabilities Act, appointed by the Governor, is prepared to undertake such comprehensive state-wide planning and provision of services; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary in order to undertake such comprehensive state-wide planning an implementation of the provision of services for the mentally retarded, epileptic, cerebralpalsied and persons suffering from neuro-

logical impairments, at the earliest possible time, such planning and provision of services being possible with assistance of the above cited federal matching funds; and

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

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

Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, the sum of \$33,333 to be allocated to the Bureau of Mental Retardation for the purpose of undertaking comprehensive state-wide planning for the developmentally disabled and for the provision of services pursuant thereto. The balance of such appropriation shall not lapse but shall be carried forward into the 1971-72 fiscal year to be expended for the purposes of this Act.

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MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS,
DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Mental Retardation
All Other

\$33,333

The Bureau of Mental Retardation of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections is authorized to apply for, accept and expend for the purposes of this Act any federal matching funds available to the State of Maine under the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Amendments of 1970, P. L. 91-517.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this Act is set forth in the emergency preamble.