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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 866

H. P. 636

House of Representatives, February 16, 1971

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

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Wight of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

AN ACT Appropriating Funds for Staffing and Operation of the Residential Facility for Mentally Retarded Children in Aroostook County.

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

Whereas, there is under construction a Residential Facility for Mentally Retarded Children in Aroostook County authorized by the Legislature under a Bond Issue ratified by the people; and

Whereas, such construction will be completed on or about July 1, 1971; and

Whereas, in order to enable the commencement of operation of such residential facility at the time of opening of the public schools in the Fall of 1971 a staff must be hired and funding for facility operation must be available; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that funds be appropriated in order to enable the opening and operation of the Residential Facility for Mentally Retarded Children in Aroostook County, in order that essential training and education may be available to such mentally retarded children; 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:

Sec. 1. The figure in parentheses shown just before the dollar amount provided for Personal Services in this Act, or as adjusted by other legislative action, shall represent the total number of authorized permanent positions in such account, and the maximum number of persons employable on a permanent basis at any one time. The appropriation made for Personal Services is made with the provision that the total number of permanent positions in the account shall not be increased during the 1971-72 — 1972-73 biennium over the total number shown in parentheses and used by the Legislature in computing the total dollars to be made available for Personal Services. Savings accruing within the appropriation made, for permanent positions, may be used for other personal services when recommended by the department head and the Budget Officer, and approved by the Governor and Council. To provide some degree of flexibility the department or institution may apply to the Personnel Board for an exchange between job classifications, and such action may be approved if by so doing the total amount determined to be available for Personal Services, in such account for the fiscal year is not exceeded, and also providing that certification is made, in writing, that such action will not result in an increased request for Personal Service moneys from the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1972 — June 30, 1973 the sum of \$133,769 to be allocated to the Residential Facility for Mentally Retarded Children in Aroostook County. The breakdown of expenditure shall be as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73
MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF		
Residential Facility for Mentally Retarded Children in Aroostook		
Personal Services	(8) \$50,621	(8) \$51,935
All Other	14,790	14,590
Capital Expenditures	1,566	267
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TOTAL	\$66,977	\$66,792

Emergency clause. 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 stated in the Emergency Preamble.