

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1190

H. P. 869 House of Representatives, February 26, 1971
Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. 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 the Construction of a General Activities
Building for Female Offenders on Property at Stevens School.**

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, it is proposed and recommended by the Governor that the Women's Correctional Center at Skowhegan be closed; and

Whereas, in order to close such facility it is required that facilities be provided for housing female offenders; and

Whereas, it is proposed that a facility be constructed upon property of the State of Maine at the Stevens School at Hallowell for such purpose; and

Whereas, in the interest of economy and in order to consolidate, inasmuch as is possible on one campus, facilities for the rehabilitation of all female offenders, at the earliest possible time; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary that funds be appropriated for the construction of a general activities building for female offenders on property of the State of Maine at Stevens School in Hallowell for completion on or before July 1, 1972; 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 Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1971, the sum of \$342,800 to be allocated to the Bureau of Corrections for construction of a general activities building for female offenders on property of the State of Maine at the Stevens School in Hallowell. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Corrections

Capital Expenditures

\$342,800

The Bureau of Corrections of the Department of Mental Health and Corrections is authorized to apply for, accept and expend for the purpose of this Act, any federal matching funds which are, or may become available for such purpose.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Department of Mental Health and Corrections pursuant to the recommendation of the Governor proposes to close the Women's Correctional Center at Skowhegan and to consolidate on one campus, currently housing the Stevens School at Hallowell, institutional facilities for the rehabilitation of female offenders. In order that this might be accomplished it is necessary to construct a general activities building on the Stevens School property at Hallowell, such building in conjunction with a dormitory, the appropriation for which is incorporated in another legislative document, submitted to the 105th Legislature, will provide facilities sufficient for the provision of rehabilitative institutional services to Maine's female offenders, on the grounds of the Stevens School, which currently provides rehabilitative institutional services for female juvenile offenders.