

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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this chapter money appropriated by the State and grants by the United States Government and gifts from individuals and any other sources.

§ 2133. Municipalities and other governmental units

A municipality or other governmental unit, such as a county, school district or health district, through its local board of health or other town or governmental agency approved by the department, is authorized to adopt and carry out a program of mental retardation services established or approved by the department and appropriate money for that purpose. A municipality or other governmental unit may join with another municipality or governmental unit to carry out such a program.

§ 2134. State aid

Upon application to the department by a municipality, governmental unit, unincorporated association or nonstock corporation organized for the improvement of community health and welfare, the department may grant to such applicant money to be used for carrying out its mental retardation services.

§ 2135. Fees

Any program authorized by the department may include the provision of services by the department or the municipality, governmental units, unincorporated association or nonstock corporation directly to individuals, for which a fee may be charged, if the individual is financially able to pay the same. Fees received by the municipality, governmental unit, unincorporated association or nonstock corporation shall be utilized by each in carrying out its programs approved under this chapter.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections the sum of \$600,000 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1974-75	1975-76
MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS,		
DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Mental Retardation		
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

A recent survey by the Bureau of Mental Retardation of 503 retarded boarding, nursing and foster home clients showed that less than 10% attended outside programs.

This bill will allow for the provision of programs to retarded individuals who reside in boarding and nursing homes. Further, the need for "seed money" is evidenced by the number of private agencies willing to establish such services but who are unable to do so due to costs incident to the initiation and maintenance of such services.