

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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H. P. 1211

House of Representatives, March 26, 1975

Approved for introduction by a Majority of the Committee on Reference of Bills pursuant to Joint Rule 10. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Providing Funds to Community Mental Health Centers to  
Offset Reduced Federal Grants.**

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

**Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Bureau of Mental Health, Department of Mental Health and Corrections, the sum of \$559,154 to be used as grant-in-aid funds to assist those community mental health centers which have declining federal grants. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1975-76	1976-77
MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Mental Health		
All Other	\$212,732	\$346,422

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Federal Community Mental Health Centers Act provides staffing grants to community mental health centers on a declining fund basis over an 8-year period. These grants generally do not apply to all staff members of a center and require a percentage of local funds to support those staff members included in the grant. Centers in designated poverty areas receive 90%

federal funds in the first year of the staffing grant, decreasing to 65% by the 8th year. Centers in nonpoverty areas receive 75% federal funds in the first year, decreasing to 30% by the 8th year. Federal funds for individual community mental health centers in the coming biennium will be reduced by: Aroostook Mental Health Center, \$40,110; the Counseling Center (Bangor), \$90,260; Kennebec Valley Mental Health Center \$72,600; Tri-county Mental Health Services, \$298,419 and York County Counseling Services, \$57,765.

The funds requested are necessary to maintain the current level of service while continued funding and reimbursement mechanisms are being developed at the federal and state levels.