

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1658

H. P. 1356

House of Representatives, April 3, 1975

On motion of Mr. Bustin of Augusta, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hennessey of West Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Appropriate Additional Funds to the Bureau of Mental Retardation.

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

Whereas, the amount recommended by the Governor to be appropriated for the Bureau of Mental Retardation is clearly insufficient; and

Whereas, appropriation of only that amount would result in understaffing of mental retardation facilities and in degradation of the services provided to the people of Maine by the Bureau of Mental Retardation; and

Whereas, additional funding is thus necessary if the Bureau of Mental Retardation is to perform the tasks assigned it by the Legislature; 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 for the fiscal year 1975-76 to the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, Bureau of Mental Retardation, the sum of \$694,485 to be used to carry out the programs at the Aroostook Residential Center, the Elizabeth Levinson Center and Pineland Center. The breakdown shall be as follows:

	1975-76
Aroostook Residential Center	
Personal Services	\$ 4,862
All Other	9,619
Capital Expenditures	5,930
Total	<hr/> \$20,411
Levinson Center	
Personal Services	—
All Other	\$60,865
Capital Expenditures	—
Total	<hr/> \$60,865
Pineland Center	
Personal Services	\$208,636
All Other	264,227
Capital Expenditures	140,346
Total	<hr/> \$613,209

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This Act provides a supplemental appropriation to the Bureau of Mental Retardation in order to maintain needed services at the Aroostook Residential Center, the Elizabeth Levinson Center and the Pineland Center. The amount recommended by the Governor for these programs is clearly insufficient to carry out the tasks assigned them by the Legislature.