

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 25, 1980

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk of the House

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY

AN ACT Appropriating Funds to the Department of Human Services, the Department of Mental Health and Corrections and the Department of Educational and Cultural Services for Insufficient Payments for Placement of Emotionally Disturbed Children in Residential Treatment Centers for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1981.

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

Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1980-81
HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
All Other	\$ 410,000
MENTAL HEALTH AND CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF	
All Other	410,000
EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
All Other	410,000

Necessary for funds for the placement of emotionally disturbed children in residential treatment centers.

Total

\$1,230,000

STATEMENT OF FACT

Costs of the placement of emotionally disturbed children in residential treatment centers are partially paid from the following sources:

1. Tuition, for the educational component, by the local educational agencies;
2. Room and board, as per an agreed maximum, by local educational agencies; and
3. Treatment, as per present definitions, for 110 assigned placements at \$8,400 each, by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections. These costs are for nonstate ward pupils.

In the case of state wards, costs are shared as follows:

1. Tuition and room and board, \$40 for 40 weeks, by the Department of Educational and Cultural services;
2. Unit cost care and other institutional costs by the Department of Human Services; and
3. \$8,400 slots, if so placed, by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

Using all the resources available for cost of placement of emotionally disturbed children in residential treatment centers, there are insufficient funds to cover the costs for the 1980-81 fiscal year.