

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 SECOND REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

'No. 1843

6
7 S.P. 669

In Senate, January 4, 1984

8 Reference to the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.
9 Ordered printed and sent down for concurrence.

10 Approved for introduction by the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint
Rule 26.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

11 Cosponsors: Representative Kelleher of Bangor, Senator Gill of
Cumberland and Representative Nelson of Portland.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT to Provide Funds to Assure
18 Appropriate Placement and Service Provision
19 to State-assisted Residents of Boarding
20 Homes and Adult Foster Homes.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 **Appropriations.** The following funds are appro-
25 priated from the General Fund to carry out the pur-
26 poses of this Act.

27 1984-85

28 MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION,
29 DEPARTMENT OF

30 Bureau of Mental Health

31 All Other

\$150,000

1 Provides funds for 5 case manag-
2 ers through community mental
3 health agencies to conduct as-
4 sessments and to develop case
5 plans for provision of mental
6 health services to residents en-
7 tering boarding homes or adult
8 foster homes.

9 HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

10 Bureau of Maine's Elderly

11 All Other \$150,000

12 Provides funds for 5 case manag-
13 ers through area agencies on
14 aging to conduct assessments and
15 to develop case plans for provi-
16 sion of appropriate services to
17 residents entering a boarding
18 home or adult foster home.

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 The 110th Legislature established a boarding home
21 study committee to review the boarding home program
22 and to make recommendations to the Legislature for
23 improvements. Legislation was not considered because
24 the Legislature determined the proposal was submitted
25 too late in the session.

26 Numerous advances have been made to improve the
27 administration of the boarding home program. A major
28 recommendation relating to residents, which has been
29 addressed through 2 demonstration pilot projects, is
30 that there be a standardized assessment of residents'
31 abilities, needs and independent living skills in or-
32 der to determine care and services needed on an indi-
33 vidual and population basis. Assessments provide the
34 basis for assuring appropriate placement and service
35 provision. These systems are now provided to the
36 mentally retarded and adult protective services popu-
37 lation residing in boarding homes and adult foster
38 homes.

1 This bill expands the system, through community
2 agencies, to state assisted mentally ill and elderly
3 individuals. This bill ensures that each resident
4 both receives services which maximize the ability to
5 live independently and is appropriately placed.

6 This initiative is a result of a 1983 Blaine
7 House Conference on Aging resolution.

8 This bill meets the needs of new residents enter-
9 ing a boarding home or adult foster home and sets the
10 system in place for the Department of Human Services'
11 implementation of new boarding home regulations which
12 require service provision based on assessments and
13 individual plans of care.

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