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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 589

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7 S.P. 227

In Senate, February 19, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered  
9 printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Gill of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator Berube of Androscoggin, Representative Rolde  
11 of York and Representative Bell of Paris.

12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Establish a Medicaid Budget  
18 Process.  
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
21 follows:

22 22 MRSA §3174-B is enacted to read:

23 §3174-B. Medicaid budget process

24 1. Special budget document. The commissioner  
25 shall prepare each biennium a special budget document  
26 detailing all receipts and expenditures in the  
27 Medicaid program for the prior biennium and his pro-  
28 posals for the coming biennium.

29 A. This document shall include, but not be lim-  
30 ited to, the following information: A listing of  
31 revenues and expenditures for every professional,  
32 institutional or other service provided in the  
33 Medicaid program, including levels of service,  
34 rates of reimbursement, numbers of providers and

1 recipients of service and comparisons of the  
2 costs and charges of Medicaid services to similar  
3 services provided through private insurance and  
4 other 3rd party reimbursements. This document  
5 shall also list all transfers of funds between  
6 Medicaid line accounts or service reimbursements  
7 and the reasons for those transfers.

8 B. The information provided under paragraph A  
9 shall be broken into lines for both federal and  
10 state funds, as well as combined totals.

11 2. Submission to Legislature. The budget docu-  
12 ment prepared pursuant to subsection 1 shall be sub-  
13 mitted to the Legislature prior to the beginning of  
14 each first regular session. Prior to the beginning  
15 of each 2nd regular session, the commissioner shall  
16 submit to the Legislature a report summarizing the  
17 status of the Medicaid budget, in accordance with the  
18 information provided under subsection 1. All budget  
19 documents and reports submitted under this section  
20 will be transmitted to the joint standing committee  
21 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropri-  
22 ations and financial affairs, human resources and  
23 other areas, as may be appropriate.

24 3. Public hearing. Following receipt of the  
25 Medicaid Budget Report from the commissioner, the  
26 joint standing committee of the Legislature having  
27 jurisdiction over appropriations and financial af-  
28 airs and the joint standing committee of the Legis-  
29 lature having jurisdiction over human resources shall  
30 call a public hearing to receive testimony and com-  
31 ment by recipients, providers and others interested  
32 in the Medicaid program. The committee shall consider  
33 the content of the report as well as all public tes-  
34 timony in making policy and financial recommendations  
35 to the Legislature.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

2           Each biennium, the Legislature appropriates hun-  
3           dreds of millions of state and federal dollars to the  
4           Department of Human Services for the Medicaid pro-  
5           gram. These funds are not appropriated according to  
6           types of services provided, nor is the Legislature  
7           given any accounting or detailed information regard-  
8           ing the expenditures of these funds. This bill re-  
9           quires the department to prepare a Medicaid budget  
10          document each biennium for the Legislature encompass-  
11          ing a detailed report of Medicaid expenditures, reve-  
12          nues, services and providers. This information will  
13          be useful and critical in reviewing the Medicaid bud-  
14          get and addressing important policy decisions pre-  
15          sented to the Legislature each year about this pro-  
16          gram.

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