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

No. 2082

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7 S.P. 822

In Senate, February 28, 1986

8 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council
9 pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

10 Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs
suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Bustin of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Representative Carroll of Gray.

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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX
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17 AN ACT to Continue the Mental Retardation
18 Trainer Apprenticeship Program at
19 Pineland Center.
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §5402, sub-§5 is enacted to
24 read:

25 5. Mental Retardation Trainer Apprenticeship
26 Program. A Mental Retardation Trainer Apprenticeship
27 Program is established at the Pineland Center to pro-
28 vide education and skill development for direct care
29 staff to allow them to become knowledgeable and expe-
30 rienced journeymen in the mental retardation field.
31 This program shall be designed to provide individu-
32 als with sufficient knowledge to work as
33 paraprofessionals in a multitude of disciplines, in-
34 cluding, but not limited to, physical therapy, occu-
35 pational therapy, recreation therapy and speech ther-
36 apy.

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FISCAL NOTE

2 The appropriation funds reclassification upgrades
3 for all employees who have currently completed the
4 Mental Retardation Trainer Apprenticeship Program and
5 are eligible for a Mental Retardation Trainer classi-
6 fication. This includes \$57,427 for fiscal year
7 1985-86 and \$46,170 for fiscal year 1986-87. In ad-
8 dition, funds are appropriated for fiscal year
9 1986-87 to continue the Mental Retardation Trainer
10 Apprenticeship Program for at least 20 employees each
11 year. This will require \$40,000 in fiscal year
12 1986-87 and approximately \$45,000 for the next fiscal
13 year.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

15 Pineland Center developed a Mental Retardation
16 Trainer Apprenticeship Program approximately 4 years
17 ago through a cooperative agreement with the State,
18 A.F.S.C.M.E., AFL/CIO and the Federal Department of
19 Labor. This was a 2-year program designed to in-
20 crease the knowledge and skill of the direct care
21 staff to ensure that Pineland Center has the trained
22 staff capable of working in all facets of mental re-
23 tardation at an optimal level. There are currently
24 24 employees who have been enrolled in the program
25 and who are eligible for reclassification upgrades to
26 Mental Retardation Trainer, but who have not been re-
27 classified. This bill provides the funding for those
28 reclassifications.

29 In addition, this bill reestablishes the Mental
30 Retardation Trainer Apprenticeship Program and funds
31 20 employees to begin the training program. The
32 funding is for potential upgrades at the end of the
33 first year of training.

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