

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 (EMERGENCY)  
2 SECOND SPECIAL SESSION  
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4 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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6 Legislative Document

No. 2416

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8 S.P. 971

In Senate, May 27, 1986

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

11 Received by the Secretary of the Senate on May 23, 1986. Referred to the  
Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and ordered printed  
pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Perkins of Hancock.

12 Cosponsored by Representative Foster of Ellsworth and Representative  
Diamond of Bangor.

13 STATE OF MAINE  
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX  
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18 AN ACT to Provide Emergency Funding for  
19 Sheltered Workshops.  
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21 Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legis-  
22 lature do not become effective until 90 days after  
23 adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

24 Whereas, failure of the Department of Mental  
25 Health and Mental Retardation to provide cost-  
26 of-living increases for sheltered workshops through-  
27 out the State for fiscal year 1987 means serious re-  
28 ductions in the quality and availability of services  
29 to disabled people; and

30 Whereas, this failure by the department will re-  
31 sult in a 4.8% decrease in real dollars available to  
32 provide services to disabled persons; and

33 Whereas, this decrease means cuts in staff and  
34 services, such as transportation and materials neces-  
35 sary for the workshop programs, and creates the pos-

1 sibility of reduced services for existing workshops  
2 clients; and

3 Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature,  
4 these facts create an emergency within the meaning of  
5 the Constitution of Maine and require the following  
6 legislation as immediately necessary for the preser-  
7 vation of the public peace, health and safety; now,  
8 therefore,

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

11 **Appropriation.** The following funds are appropri-  
12 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes  
13 of this Act.

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15 MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL  
16 RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF

17 Bureau of Mental Retardation  
18 All Other \$289,973  
19 Funds to be used to pro-  
20 vide a 4.8% cost-  
21 of-living increase for  
22 sheltered workshop pro-  
23 grams throughout the  
24 State serving disabled  
25 persons.

26 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited  
27 in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when ap-  
28 proved.

29 STATEMENT OF FACT

30 This bill provides a 4.8% cost-of-living increase  
31 for sheltered workshop programs throughout the State.

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