

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 469

S.P. 165

In Senate, February 20, 1987

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate
Presented by Senator CLARK of Cumberland.

Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin,
Representative CONNOLLY of Portland, Representative ANTHONY of
South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVEN

1 AN ACT to Continue Support Services at
2 Augusta Mental Health Institute and
3 Bangor Mental Health Institute.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 Appropriation. The following funds are appropri-
8 ated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes
9 of this Act.

10 1987-88 1988-89

11 MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RE-
12 TARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF

13 Augusta Mental Health In-
14 stitute

1	Personal Services	\$435,000	\$435,000
2	Continues transitional		
3	unit staffing for 8 to		
4	10 adolescents.		
5	All Other	112,000	113,000
6	Continues current con-		
7	tractual services, com-		
8	munity trips, con-		
9	tracted medical ser-		
10	vices, nights and		
11	weekends supplemental		
12	coverage.		
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14	Total	<u>\$547,000</u>	<u>\$548,000</u>
15	Bangor Mental Health Insti-		
16	tute		
17	All Other	\$86,000	\$78,000
18	Continues contracted		
19	support services for		
20	psychologists and psy-		
21	chiatrists and other		
22	related support ser-		
23	vices.		
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25	TOTAL	<u>\$633,000</u>	<u>\$626,000</u>

26 STATEMENT OF FACT

27 Budget recommendations are insufficient to main-
 28 tain current services at Bangor Mental Health Insti-
 29 tute and Augusta Mental Health Institute. Contractu-
 30 al services would be cut, placing patients in jeopar-
 31 dy and seriously impairing quality of care.

32 These appropriations maintain current contracted
 33 support services. Supplemental private community
 34 professionals will continue to provide services at
 35 the fiscal year 1986-87 level.

36 In addition, direct care positions for the ado-

1 lescent, "Transition Unit" would be continued.
2 These children would require expensive residential
3 treatment placements if this unit were not available.

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