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In Senate, February 24, 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 GILL of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec, Representative TAYLOR of Camden, Representative MANNING of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Allow Use of the Bureau of Mental Retardation Contingency Fund by Boarding Home and Foster Home Clients.

6 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as 7 follows:

8 Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §5437, first ¶, as enacted by 9 PL 1985, c. 486, §2, is amended to read:

10 The bureau shall establish a contingency fund for 11 use by community based intermediate care facilities 12 for the mentally retarded and bureau clients residing in licensed boarding and foster homes or intermediate 13 14 care facilities or participating in appropriate day 15 treatment programs. This fund shall be used in accordance with the following provisions. 16

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1 2 3	Sec. 2. Appropriation The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.	,
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5 6 7	MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF	
8	Bureau of Mental Retardation	
9	All Other \$50,000 \$75,000	
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Funds to be used to increase the cli- ents' contingency fund for use by res- idents of foster and boarding homes and day treatment pro- grams.	
18	STATEMENT OF FACT	

19 The contingency fund for residents of intermedi-20 ate care facilities for the mentally retarded, estab-21 lished by the Legislature in 1985, has proven quite effective in meeting a variety of needs of these re-22 23 tarded citizens not available under Medicaid or other 24 funding. The fund has provided needed dental and 25 eye care, clothing and equipment to bureau clients. Similar needs and funding problems exist for bureau 26 clients living in boarding and foster homes and par-27 28 ticipating in day treatment programs.

29 This bill authorizes expansion of the contingency 30 fund to those retarded citizens and appropriate funds 31 for the expansion.

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