

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

NO. 520

H.P. 386 House of Representatives, February 24, 1987
Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested
and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk
Presented by Representative TAYLOR of Camden.

Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin and
Representative ROLDE of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Require Community Mental Health and
2 Mental Retardation Involvement in
3 Social Services Planning.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 5 MRSA §1644 is enacted to read:

8 §1644. Budget development and allocations report

9 1. Budget development. The Department of Mental
10 Health and Mental Retardation shall report, as a sup-
11 plement to the State's social services report under
12 section 1643, the recommendations of service areas
13 for the upcoming biennial budget which are received
14 through a formal and public planning process and
15 shall indicate the correlation between these communi-

1 ty needs, identified by licensed and funded service
2 agencies, and the department's budget requests.

3 2. Allocation report. The Department of Mental
4 Health and Mental Retardation shall include, as a
5 supplement to the State's social services report, a
6 report which correlates its allocations, by area and
7 service program, with the total funds appropriated
8 and the needs identified by each licensed and funded
9 community service agency.

10 STATEMENT OF FACT

11 The addition of this section requires the Depart-
12 ment of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to so-
13 licit needs of community services, relate these iden-
14 tified needs to their proposed budget requests and
15 report on the allocation of appropriated funds.

16 The effects of this bill include establishment of
17 a process for the involvement of communities in state
18 mental health and mental retardation services plan-
19 ning and the provision of a process of informing Leg-
20 islators of community-identified needs and responses
21 through state agency allocations.

22 Recommendations of the Interdepartmental Alcohol
23 Premium Planning Committee related to the Department
24 of Mental Health and Mental Retardation are included
25 in the State's social services report and also af-
26 fected, to that extent, by this bill.

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