

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative ROLDE of York.
Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Create an Opportunity for Community
2 Agency Input to the State Budget
3 Process.
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5 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
6 follows:

7 5 MRSA §1665 is amended to read:

8 §1665. Budget estimates

9 On or before September 1st of the even-numbered
10 years, all departments and other agencies of the
11 State Government and corporations and, associations
12 and community agencies with state contracts receiving
13 or desiring to receive state funds under the provi-
14 sions of law shall prepare, in the manner prescribed
15 by and on blanks furnished them by the State Budget

1 Officer, and submit to said officer estimates of
2 their expenditure and appropriation requirements for
3 each fiscal year of the ensuing biennium contrasted
4 with the corresponding figures of the last completed
5 fiscal year and the estimated figures for the current
6 fiscal year. The expenditure estimates shall be clas-
7 sified to set forth the data by funds, organization
8 units, character and objects of expenditure. The or-
9 ganization units may be sub-classified subclassified
10 by functions and activities, or in any other manner,
11 at the discretion of the State Budget Officer. Budget
12 instructions to all departments and agencies shall
13 require them to seek estimates of expenditure and ap-
14 propriation requirements of community-based agencies
15 with whom the department or agency has contracted for
16 services. These estimates may be provided by any ap-
17 propriate state association in place of an individual
18 community-based agency.

19 Tentative revenue estimates prepared by the State
20 Budget Officer during the month of September of the
21 even-numbered years shall be revised by this officer
22 during the following November for inclusion in the
23 budget. The revenue estimates shall be classified so
24 as to show the income by organization units, sources
25 and funds, or in any other manner, at the discretion
26 of the State Budget Officer.

27 Upon receipt of the budget estimates submitted in
28 accordance with this section, the State Budget Offi-
29 cer may require the heads of departments and other
30 agencies of the State Government and officers of or-
31 ganizations and associations receiving or desiring to
32 receive state funds under the provisions of law to
33 appear before said officer and present such addition-
34 al data in support of their budget estimates as said
35 officer may deem necessary.

36 Community agency estimates prepared in accordance
37 with this section shall be included in department and
38 agency requests submitted to the Governor. Community
39 agency estimates shall be separately identified with-
40 in each budget line item prepared by departments and
41 agencies. Budget documents submitted to the Governor
42 or Governor-elect to the Legislature shall separately
43 identify community agency requests, estimates and al-
44 locations proposed.

1 STATEMENT OF FACT

2 This bill provides an opportunity for
3 community-based agencies which have contracts for
4 services with the State and are dependent upon state
5 and federal funds to participate in the process of
6 developing the State Budget. State departments and
7 agencies have traditionally ignored the needs of
8 these agencies in preparing their budgets. As a re-
9 sult, agencies dependent upon state funds have not
10 received cost-of-living increases and their needs are
11 not being met.

12 It is anticipated that this bill will also result
13 in greater cooperative planning efforts between state
14 and community agencies on programs and budgets.

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