

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 695

S.P. 246

In Senate, March 10, 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 CAHILL of Sagadahoc.

Cosponsored by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle,
Representative BOUTILIER of Lewiston, Representative FOSTER of
Ellsworth.

STATE OF MAINE

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

1 AN ACT to Provide Cost-of-living Increases
2 to Community-based Rehabilitation
3 Agencies Serving Clients of the Bureau
4 of Mental Retardation under
5 Contract.
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7 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
8 follows:

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

12 1987-88 1988-89

13 MENTAL HEALTH AND
14 MENTAL RETARDATION,
15 DEPARTMENT OF

1 Bureau of Mental Retardation
2 All Other \$233,769 \$238,019
3 Funds to be used for
4 cost-of-living in-
5 creases for adult
6 day programs and
7 work activity ser-
8 vices, making up for
9 not granting cost-
10 of-living increases
11 last year.

12 STATEMENT OF FACT

13 Community nonprofit agencies, providing day pro-
14 grams and work activity services to the State's men-
15 tally retarded adults, lag far behind in cost-
16 of-living increases from the State. In the last bi-
17 ennium, only one 2% cost-of-living increase was
18 granted and that increase only after an emergency
19 funding bill in a legislative special session. This
20 bill, providing funds for a 5% cost-of-living in-
21 crease in the next biennium, will keep programs at
22 current levels, with no opportunities for increased
23 client needs.

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