

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 2145

S.P. 823 In Senate, January 26, 1988
Approved for Introduction by a Majority of the Legislative
Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.
Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial
Affairs suggested and ordered printed.
JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec.

Cosponsored by Senator GILL of Cumberland, Representative
KIMBALL of Buxton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**AN ACT to Establish a Community Mental Health
Aftercare Program.**

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

Appropriation. The following funds are
appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the
purposes of this Act.

1 1988-89

2 MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION,
3 DEPARTMENT OF

4 Bureau of Mental Health

5 All Other

\$500,000

6 These funds will be
7 used to provide,
8 through proprietary
9 and nonprofit
10 community-based
11 agencies and
12 facilities, mental
13 health aftercare
14 services, including,
15 but not limited to,
16 vocational
17 rehabilitation,
18 out-patient treatment,
19 partial
20 hospitalization and
21 day treatment programs
22 for children,
23 adolescents and
24 adults. The
25 department shall use,
26 wherever possible,
27 existing agencies and
28 facilities so as to
29 minimize
30 administrative and
31 start-up costs.

32 STATEMENT OF FACT

33 Legislative studies focusing on overcrowding at
34 state facilities and inadequate services for children
35 in need of special treatment have identified clear
36 needs for greater mental health aftercare services for
37 children, adolescents and adults in the State.

1 The bill provides \$500,000 in funds to the Bureau
2 of Mental Health to expand these services at existing
3 agencies and facilities, recognizing that services are
4 now available in both proprietary and nonprofit
5 settings.

6 Mental health aftercare services will include
7 vocational programs, out-patient treatment, day
8 programs and partial hospitalization.

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