

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 316

House of Representatives, February 23, 1989

Reported by Representative CHONKO from the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Public Law 1987, chapter 816, Part KK, section 29.

Reference to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and printing ordered under Joint Rule 18.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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An Act to Improve the Accountability and Allocation of Funds for  
Community-purchased Services.

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

3 Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt.  
5 H, §12, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

7 1. Report. The Department of Human Services shall prepare  
9 an annual report on all services contracted with community  
11 providers. The department shall deliver its report to the joint  
standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over  
appropriations and financial affairs by January 31st of each  
year. The report shall include:

13 A. A listing, by community agency, of all funds received  
15 from the State and a summary of the purposes for which those  
funds were expended;

17 B. A summary of the most recent year's allocations of all  
19 funds by bureau or office, service area, region and, if  
available, county;

21 C. An evaluation of additional funding needed to equalize  
23 funding among all regions by individual service areas,  
presented in prioritized order;

25 D. The department's assessment, by individual service area,  
27 of the outstanding service needs of the State. The  
29 assessment shall identify the funding source projected by  
the department to be available for the expansion of service,  
presented in prioritized order; and

31 E. Recommendations for changes in funding resulting from  
33 the department's planning and evaluation system presented in  
35 the following order of priority: greatest service need  
within existing funding scheme; equalization of regional  
funding with each service area; and new or outstanding needs.

37 Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §1208, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1987, c.  
39 349, Pt. H, §19, is repealed and the following enacted in its  
place:

41 5. Annual report. The Department of Mental Health and  
43 Mental Retardation shall prepare an annual report on all services  
45 contracted with community providers. The department shall  
deliver its report to the joint standing committee of the  
Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial  
affairs by January 31st of each year. The report shall include:

47 A. A listing, by community agency, of all funds received  
49 from the State and a summary of the purposes for which those  
51 funds were expended;

1 B. A summary of the most recent year's allocations of all  
3 funds by bureau or office, service area, region and, if  
available, county;

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13 assessment shall identify the funding source projected by  
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19 the following order of priority: greatest service need  
within existing funding scheme; equalization of regional  
funding with each service area; and new or outstanding needs.

21 **STATEMENT OF FACT**  
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25 This bill comprises the legislative recommendations of a  
27 study conducted by a subcommittee of the Joint Standing Committee  
on Appropriations and Financial Affairs as authorized in Public  
29 Law 1987, chapter 816. The study reviewed the methods by which  
funds appropriated or allocated by the Legislature to the  
Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health  
31 and Mental Retardation for providing community services are  
distributed.  
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35 Both departments currently prepare an annual report on funds  
contracted for community-based services. This bill requires the  
department to include additional information regarding the  
37 distribution of funds by region and service area, an evaluation  
of the additional funding needed to remedy geographical  
39 inequities in the current funding scheme, an assessment of  
outstanding service needs for community services and  
41 recommendations for changes in funding.