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STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 531, L.D. 716, Bill, "An Act to Make Allocations for the Operating Expenditures of the Intergovernmental Telecommunications Fund, Department of Administration, for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1990, and June 30, 1991"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1587, as amended by PL 1985, c. 826, §1, is further amended to read:

§1587. Lease-purchase agreements

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no agent or officer of the State or any department or agency thereof may enter into a lease-purchase or other similar agreement whereby the State would become the ultimate owner of buildings or equipment, if the outright purchase price of such capital items is more than \$2,000, or ~~\$30,000~~ \$40,000 for telecommunications related equipment, without specific prior approval of the Legislature through the usual budget procedure. That request for approval shall be submitted as a separate line item. All agreements relating to telecommunications equipment that are ~~\$30,000~~ \$40,000 or less shall be subject to review by a subcommittee of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs. All lease-purchase agreements submitted for review or approval shall include the total amount of interest charged.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1886, sub-§2-A, ¶¶C and D, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 282, §2, are amended to read:

C. Levy charges, according to a rate schedule based on uniform billing procedures approved by the Commissioner of Administration, against all units utilizing telecommunications services; and

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D. Submit a budget of estimated revenues and costs to be incurred by the program in the same manner as required for the General Fund in chapters 145 and 149. Notwithstanding section 1583, allocations may be increased or adjusted by the State Budget Officer, with approval of the Governor, to specifically cover those adjustments determined to be necessary by the Commissioner of Administration. Further, any request for adjustment to the allocation shall be subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs; and

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1886, sub-§2-A, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Require departments and agencies to be a part of the central telecommunications service network. No capital items purchased through the Internal Telecommunications Fund may be given, transferred, sold or otherwise conveyed to any other department, agency or account without authorization through the normal budgetary process. Except as authorized by the deputy commissioner, telecommunications services, equipment and systems shall be deemed to be the responsibility and property of the fund.

Sec. 4. Allocation of fund. In order to provide for the necessary expenses of current operation and administration of the Intergovernmental Telecommunications Fund of the Department of Administration, the following amounts, or as much as may be necessary, are allocated from the revenues derived from operations of the fund.

	1989-90	1990-91
ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Intergovernmental Telecommunications Fund		
Positions	(10)	(10)
Personal Services	\$ 363,689	\$ 372,266
All Other	5,862,506	6,131,211
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION		
TOTAL	<u>\$6,226,195</u>	<u>\$6,503,477</u>

Sec. 5. Supplemental allocation of fund. In order to increase service offerings and to increase the cost effectiveness of statewide telecommunications, the following amounts, or as much as may be necessary, are allocated from the revenues derived from operations of the Intergovernmental Telecommunications Fund of the Department of Administration.

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Positions	(13)	(13)
Personal Services	\$ 514,427	\$ 540,134
All Other	2,514,685	1,726,347
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TOTAL	\$3,029,112	\$2,266,481

Authorizes funds for 13 essential positions to improve service and cost effectiveness in customer support, network operations, network planning and installation and plant management. All other funds primarily provide consulting services, interest and rentals related to central network restructuring and upgrade. Positions include: customer support section: one Telecommunication Service Coordinator; network operations section: one Network Supervisor, 2 Data Communications Specialists, and one Data Communications Technician; installation and plant section: one Network Manager, one Telecommunications Coordinator, and one Electrician Lineman; network planning section: one Network Planning Manager, 2 Senior Technical Support Specialists, and one Technical Support Specialist; and administrative unit: one Secretary.

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3	Positions	(10)	(10)
5	Personal Services	\$338,513	\$355,069
7	All Other	258,620	180,058
9	TOTAL	<u>\$597,133</u>	<u>\$535,127</u>

10 Authorizes funds for 10
 11 positions to support the state
 12 network of some 100 deployed
 13 systems and to provide basic
 14 maintenance capability. All
 15 Other funds primarily reflect
 16 interest associated with the
 17 systematic replacement and
 18 upgrade of existing network
 19 components. Positions
 20 include: network operations
 21 section: one Computer
 22 Operation Specialist, and 2
 23 Data Communications
 24 Specialists; installation and
 25 plant section: 4 Data
 26 Communications Technicians,
 27 and one Electrician Lineman;
 28 network planning section: one
 29 Senior Technical Support
 30 Specialist, and one Technical
 31 Support Specialist.

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35	All Other	(\$1,100,000)	(\$1,100,000)
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36 Deletes funds in section 4 no
 37 longer necessary for
 38 contracted network planning
 39 and maintenance upon approval
 40 of Personal Services and All
 41 Other in this section.

45	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION		
46	TOTAL ALLOCATION	<u>\$2,526,245</u>	<u>\$1,701,608</u>

47 **Sec. 6. Exclusion.** Exclusive of the provisions of sections 4
 48 and 5 of this Act, up to \$750,000 for Capital Expenditures may be
 49 expended in each fiscal year of the biennium, exclusive of
 50 capital items obtained through lease-purchases or other similar
 51 agreements consistent with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,
 52 section 1587, and other applicable laws.

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Sec. 7. Encumbered balance at year end. At the end of each fiscal year, all encumbered balances shall not be carried more than once.

Sec. 8. Report. The Deputy Commissioner of Administration shall report annually on or before January 15th to the joint standing committee having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. A review of the total cost of telecommunications services for State Government;

2. A discussion of the implications of any regulatory changes on the cost of telecommunication services for State Government; and

3. An account of the savings in total telecommunication costs for State Government resulting from specific actions of the Office of Information Services, including the savings resulting from the supplemental allocations authorized in section 5 of this Act.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

FISCAL NOTE

Allocations from the Intergovernmental Telecommunications Fund:

	1989-90	1990-91
Section 4 - Current Services Allocation	\$6,226,195	\$6,503,477
Section 5 - Supplemental Allocations	2,526,245	1,701,608
Total Allocations	<u>\$8,752,440</u>	<u>\$8,205,085</u>

The Department of Administration has indicated that the supplemental allocations authorized in section 5 of this bill will result in net savings in the total telecommunications costs of State Government. The amount of these savings cannot be determined at this time.'

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STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment makes current services and supplemental allocations from the Intergovernmental Telecommunications Fund, makes several technical changes to the original bill and adds a requirement that the Deputy Commissioner of Administration report annually to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs regarding the total cost of telecommunications services for State Government and the savings resulting from the additional allocation proposed in section 5 of this bill.

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