

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 1989

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No. 1332

S.P. 490

In Senate, April 25, 1989

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 President PRAY of Penobscot and Representative PEDERSON of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Provide Essential Mental Health Programs for Adults.



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

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

	1989-90	1990-91
MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF		
Bureau of Mental Health		
13	Positions (1 1/2)	(1 1/2)
14	Personal Services \$47,028	\$51,558
15	All Other 2,494,827	4,528,983
17	<u>TOTAL \$2,541,855</u>	<u>\$4,580,541</u>

19 Provides funds for new and
21 expanded treatment services
22 to assist adults with
23 psychiatric disabilities to
24 become more independent and
25 self-supporting. As a
26 continuation of programs
27 recently approved by the
28 Legislature, these funds
29 would be used to replicate
30 crisis programs, provide
31 specialized services to
32 elderly and deaf individuals
33 and provide respite care for
34 families. These funds also
35 are intended to further
36 support services assisted
37 with federal block grant
38 funds.

Bureau of Mental Health		
41	All Other	\$267,000
42		\$364,000

43 Provides funds for
44 rehabilitation services,
45 including efforts to expand
46 employability through support
47 services and peer support,
48 reduction of stigma and
49 development of employment
50 opportunities. Includes
51 \$85,000 per year for family
52 support services and advocacy.

1 **Bureau of Mental Health**

3	Positions	(2)	(2)
	Personal Services	\$56,000	\$58,800
5	All Other	2,096,400	2,608,400
7	TOTAL	<u>\$2,152,400</u>	<u>\$2,667,200</u>

9 Provides funds for new
 11 housing and basic support.
 13 Includes development of 80
 15 group home beds for people
 17 who otherwise would be housed
 19 in the Augusta Mental Health
 21 Institute or the Bangor
 23 Mental Health Institute and
 25 continuation of peer support
 27 services. Includes 2
 29 additional advocates at the
 31 Augusta Mental Health
 33 Institute.

23 **Bureau of Mental Health**

25	All Other	\$961,200	\$961,200
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27 Provides funds for
 29 integration of services
 31 through intensive case
 33 management projects to be
 35 replicated from recently
 37 implemented models into all
 39 service areas.

35 **DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
 37 AND MENTAL RETARDATION**

37	TOTAL	<u>\$5,922,455</u>	<u>\$8,572,941</u>
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41 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

43 The State has recently developed and begun to implement a
 45 comprehensive plan to reduce and relieve unnecessary reliance on
 47 state hospitals through a comprehensive system of community
 49 treatment, rehabilitation, support and integration. This bill
 51 replicates the model programs which were recently begun and
 better assures the accessibility of appropriate programs. These
 initiatives are consistent with that plan and with the findings
 and recommendations of the commission on overcrowding.