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H.P. 1042

House of Representatives, May 3, 1989

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative PEDERSON of Bangor.
Cosponsored by Representative LISNIK of Presque Isle, Representative BURKE of Vassalboro and Senator BRANNIGAN of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

Resolve, to Provide Respite Care Services for Families of the Mentally Ill.



Pilot program. Resolved: That the Department of Mental Health 1 and Mental Retardation shall develop a pilot program of respite 3 care services for mentally ill individuals and their families. This program provides funds for 2 full-time mental health workers in each of the following 4 locations: Portland, Augusta, 7 Bangor and Presque Isle. The mental health workers, who shall at a minimum be accredited psychiatric social workers, shall provide respite care to mentally ill clients. This care shall be offered either at the client's home or in an apartment to be shared by the client and the mental health worker, and shall be provided 11 for a period of one to 2 weeks; and be it further 13 Report. Resolved: That the results of this project shall be 15 published in a final report to be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over human resource matters by February 1, 1990. This report shall include 17 an evaluation of the program and recommendations on whether the 19 network should be expanded to other areas of the State; and be it further 21 Appropriation. Resolved: That the following appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of 23 this resolve. 25 1989-90 27 MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF 29 Bureau of Mental Health 3.1 33 All Other \$800,000 35 Provides funds for 8 full-time mental health workers to provide respite care for mentally 37 ill individuals and their families. 39 STATEMENT OF FACT 41 This resolve creates a pilot program of respite care 43 services for mentally ill individuals and their families. 45 project would be established, implemented and overseen by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Results from 47 the program shall be reported to the Legislature. If the pilot

program proves successful, it will be used as a model for an

ongoing statewide plan.

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