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House of Representatives, June 30, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MELENDY of Rockland.

Cosponsored by Representative HICHBORN of LaGrange, Representative O'DEA of Orono and Senator PEARSON of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Amend the Process by Which People with Disabilities Are
Able to Acquire Information and Apply for Services.

(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

3 PART A

5 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §256, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

7 6. Central information system. The department shall
8 include in the department's annual budget funds necessary to
9 initiate and maintain a central information system on resources
10 for people with disabilities. The system should be
11 community-based and developed with substantial participation by
12 people with disabilities.

13 Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated
14 from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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18 EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL SERVICES,
19 DEPARTMENT OF

20 All Other \$5,000

21 Provides start-up funds for a
22 central information system on
23 disability resources to be
24 developed with substantial
25 participation by people with
26 disabilities. The department
27 shall determine how to
28 streamline the application
29 process and develop a single
30 entry point application
31 process to enable any
32 disabled person to apply for
33 any available service or
34 services from one location in
35 that person's community. The
36 department shall make
37 recommendations regarding the
38 application process and
39 provide funds necessary to
40 implement this obligation.

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44 PART B

45 PL 1987, c. 845, §4 is amended to read:
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Sec. 4. Personal care assistants; wages, benefits and overnight pay.
The Bureau of Rehabilitation, in establishing and administering a program of personal care assistance services for severely disabled adults, shall ~~expand its present program to serve an additional 20 new consumers and~~ shall provide through contract with providers of in-home personal care assistance ~~for an average compensation~~ a reimbursement rate of \$7 an hour for personal care assistants assistance services, payment of \$12 each night ~~for each client~~ to overnight attendants and the establishment of a pro rata group benefits package, not to exceed \$1,000 ~~for each personal care attendant~~ per consumer, to provide including health insurance, vacation and sick leave for personal care assistants. ~~In overseeing the use of funds for increased wages of personal care assistance workers, the Bureau of Rehabilitation shall take into account regional variations in the cost of living and competitive wage rates across the State.~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

Part A of this bill requires the Department of Educational and Cultural Services to include in its annual budget any funds necessary to initiate and maintain a community-based central information system on resources for people with disabilities.

Part B corrects language to clarify that the allocation is for consumers of personal care assistance services as opposed to being for personal care assistants.