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In Senate, December 8, 1989

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 8, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Human Resources and 1,600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act Related to the Systems Assessment Commission.

(EMERGENCY)



Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
2 become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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Whereas, the Systems Assessment Commission is required to
6 issue its final report by April 1, 1990; and

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Whereas, information necessary for the commission to
complete its work will not be available until July 1, 1990; and

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Whereas, the commission cannot meet the April 1, 1990
12 deadline; and

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Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
16 Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
18 safety; now, therefore,

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

22 **PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. BB, §8, ¶G is amended to read:**

24 **G. The commission has the following duties.**

26 (1) The commission, with the assistance of the
Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the
28 Superintendent of the Augusta Mental Health Institute,
the Superintendent of the Bangor Mental Health
30 Institute and any other agency or department of State
Government, shall develop a long-range plan for the
32 Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental
Health Institute. The plan shall include consideration
34 of the creation of a smaller acute care facility or
facilities to take the place of the current facilities
36 and any other option for humane, safe and
cost-effective delivery of services to Maine's mentally
38 ill citizens. Following the development of a
long-range plan for the Augusta Mental Health
40 Institute, the commission shall develop a plan for the
Bangor Mental Health Institute. Any plans developed
42 shall also include an assessment of the need for and
delivery of community services, including consideration
44 of the drafting of model legislation governing the
delivery of mental health services statewide. The
46 commission shall coordinate with the Bureau of Public
Improvements, the State Capitol Commission and the
48 Supreme Judicial Court Plan and Design Commission in
the development of its plans for the Augusta Mental
50 Health Institute and the Bangor Mental Health Institute.

2 (2) The commission shall issue a preliminary report to
3 the Joint Standing Committee on Human Resources no
4 later than January 15, 1990. Copies of this report
5 shall be sent to the Maine Commission on Mental Health,
6 legislative leadership, the Joint Standing Committee on
7 Appropriations and Financial Affairs and to the
8 Governor. The plan shall include a preliminary
9 assessment of the issue. The commission shall include
10 any necessary adjustments to its budget which reflect
11 anticipated costs for contracts and other services
12 necessary for the development of the long-range plan.
13 A final report shall be issued to the ~~114th~~ 115th
14 Legislature no later than ~~April~~ December 15, 1990.
15 This report shall include a complete plan for the
16 Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Bangor Mental
17 Health Institute, including a full assessment of an
18 alternative facility or facilities, community resources
19 which are needed, costs, time frames and necessary
20 implementing legislation.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill extends the reporting deadline for the Systems
Assessment Commission from April 1, 1990, to December 15, 1990.