

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 114th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 1990

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Legislative Document

No. 1854

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H.P. 1337

House of Representatives, December 8, 1989

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

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 8, 1989. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and 1600 ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 14.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative BURKE of Vassalboro.

Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin and Representative FOSTER of Ellsworth.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

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**An Act to Provide Additional Community Alternatives to Mental Institutions.**

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

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

1990-91

**MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL  
RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Bureau of Mental Health**

All Other \$540,000

Provides \$280,000 for additional community support workers and \$220,000 for residential staff, to be allocated to existing community support programs and to residential programs. Outcomes expected include intensified discharge planning and decreased need for institution admissions. Forty thousand dollars is contracted to the Augusta Mental Health Institute for use by local groups.

**Bureau of Children with  
Special Needs**

All Other \$300,000

Provides for additional outpatient services.

**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
AND MENTAL RETARDATION  
TOTAL**

\$840,000

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill appropriates funds for additional community support services and residential staff to be allocated to existing community support and residential programs for persons with severe mental illness.