

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

Legislative Document

No. 1517

H.P. 1044

House of Representatives, April 16, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Human Resources suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MANNING of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative HANDY of Lewiston and Senator ESTES of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Provide Tuition Assistance for Persons Seeking a Master's
Degree in Social Work.**

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

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3008 is enacted to read:

§3008. Scholarships

1. Scholarships authorized. Within the limits of appropriations made for purposes of this section, the Bureau of Mental Health shall award scholarships to eligible applicants pursuing a master's degree in social work at a private graduate school of social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

2. Eligibility. To be eligible for a scholarship under this section an applicant must:

A. Be a resident of this State;

B. Be working with chronically mentally ill persons at the time of application; and

C. Agree to work with chronically mentally ill persons in this State for 5 years following completion of the degree.

An applicant may not receive more than 2 scholarships under this section.

3. Rules. The bureau shall adopt rules necessary for the awarding of scholarships.

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

	1991-92	1992-93
MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION, DEPARTMENT OF		

Bureau of Mental Health

Administration - Mental Health

All Other	\$344,000	\$344,000
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Provides funds for the awarding of 80 scholarships, of \$4,300 each, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3008, in fiscal year 1991-92 and fiscal year 1992-93.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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6 This bill provides tuition assistance to students pursuing a
8 master's degree in social work at a private graduate school of
10 social work accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.
12 Under the bill, scholarships are awarded only to those persons
 who make a 5-year commitment to work with chronically mentally
 ill persons in Maine after receiving their degrees. Funding is
 provided for 80 student scholarships in fiscal year 1991-92 and
 fiscal year 1992-93.