

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 115th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1991

Legislative Document

No. 1820

H.P. 1252

House of Representatives, May 8, 1991

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

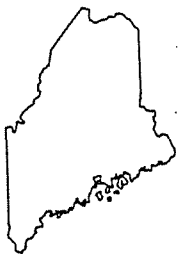
Cosponsored by Senator CONLEY of Cumberland, Speaker MARTIN of Eagle Lake and Senator GILL of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

**An Act to Provide Accountability for Certain Purchased Services by the  
Bureau of Mental Health.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)



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

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Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3604, sub-§3, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. A grant or contract for the purchase of mental health services under this section may be awarded only after submissions of requests for proposals. After the effective date of this paragraph, any new or renewal grant or contract must be for a 2-year period.

Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §6203, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §24, is further amended to read:

H. Assure Ensure that rules are promulgated-which adopted that specify the procedures by which a parent or guardian of a child in need of treatment may appeal decisions made relative to services provided by the bureau; and

Sec. 3. 34-B MRSA §6203, sub-§1, ¶I, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §25, is amended to read:

I. Provide a comprehensive system of support services, including respite care, to families with children in need of treatment; and

Sec. 4. 34-B MRSA §6203, sub-§1, ¶J is enacted to read:

J. Require that any contract for the purchase of mental health services by the department may be awarded only after submissions of requests for proposals. After the effective date of this paragraph, any new or renewal contract must be for a 2-year period.

Sec. 5. Phase in of process. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 3604, subsection 3, paragraph E and section 6203, subsection 1, paragraph J, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation shall establish a schedule to ensure that, of the grants or contracts subject to those provisions, 1/3 are subject to the request for proposal process within the first 2 years after the effective date of this Act, 1/3 within the 2nd 2 years and 1/3 within the 3rd 2 years.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

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This bill requires that grants or contracts by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for the purchase of mental health services for adults and children be subject to the request for proposal process. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation is directed to establish a schedule over the next 6 years to phase in this requirement.