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House of Representatives, February 6, 1992

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAGGETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin, Representative MAYO of Thomaston and Representative LARRIVÉE of Gorham.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Improve the Effectiveness of the Office of Substance Abuse.



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

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4 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1991, c. 601,
§6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 5. Budget. As provided in Title 5, section 1665, submit to
8 the Bureau of the Budget a budget sufficient to carry out all
10 state alcohol and drug abuse programs except those that must
12 remain with other departments and agencies in order to protect
14 federal funding. Agencies and departments that have programs
16 that must remain with them in order to protect federal funds
18 shall submit a copy of their budget request to the office, which
20 shall make recommendations to the Governor concerning the
request. A copy of any recommendations made during the budget
biennium by these agencies and departments or by the Governor for
supplemental appropriations and allocations or deappropriations
and reduced allocations must be submitted to the office so that
the office may make a recommendation to the Governor. The
Governor shall obtain the recommendations of the office before
recommending any budget or budget revisions to the Legislature.

22 The office shall provide a complete recommended budget for all
24 state alcohol and drug abuse programs to the Legislature for
26 information purposes in January of the first year of each
28 legislative biennium. This budget must show the original
recommendations of any other agency or department with alcohol
and drug abuse programs and the office's recommendations
regarding them.

30 All funds for support of state alcohol and drug abuse programs
32 must be appropriated or allocated to the office except when doing
so would result in a loss of federal funding;

34 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

36 This bill clarifies and strengthens the position of the
38 Office of Substance Abuse relative to state funds used for
substance abuse programs.

40 This bill provides that the office is the budgeting and
42 recipient agency for all state substance abuse funds except those
44 that are required to remain with another agency to ensure the
46 receipt of federal funding. Other departments or agencies that
48 receive state substance abuse funds are to forward a copy of
50 their original and revised budgets to the Office of Substance
Abuse so that the office may make recommendations regarding
them. The Governor may make no budgetary recommendations
concerning these funds prior to reviewing the office's
recommendations. The office is required to submit an
informational copy of its proposed budget directly to the
Legislature.

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