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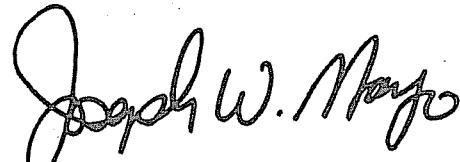
No. 1364

H.P. 1018

House of Representatives, April 29, 1993

An Act to Promote State Savings through the Efficient Utilization of Funds.

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative ZIRNKILTON of Mount Desert.

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

4 Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §642, sub-§§4-B, 4-C, 8 and 9 are enacted to read:

6 4-B. Reductions in service. An award may not be approved
by the board that generates savings through a reduction of
services, unless it is an identified duplication of services.

8 4-C. Maximum cash award for fiscal years 1993-94 and
10 1994-95. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1994 and June 30,
12 1995 the maximum cash award approved is limited to 10% of the
14 first year's estimated savings, or \$25,000, whichever is less.
16 Except as provided in subsection 4-A, an award may not be made
for any suggested savings of less than \$250. Any cash awards
approved by the board must be charged against the fund or funds
to which estimated savings apply. If it is not possible to
reasonably estimate the savings, the board may pay an initial
amount and pay an additional amount at the end of the first year,
or may pay the full amount at the end of the first year.

20 This subsection is repealed June 30, 1995.

22 8. Department and agency savings. For the fiscal years
24 ending June 30, 1994 and June 30, 1995, 30% of a department's or
26 agency's first year's estimated savings approved by the board may
be set aside in a dedicated revenue, nonlapsing account within
that department or agency for use by the department or agency.
28 Expenditures from the account may be authorized by financial
order and may include, but are not limited to, the following
30 purposes:

32 A. Work place environment enhancement;

34 B. Employee morale; and

36 C. Under-funded priority programs.

38 This subsection is repealed June 30, 1995.

40 9. Promotion. The board shall ensure that all employees
42 are aware of the Employee Suggestion System including the
potential award amounts.

STATEMENT OF FACT

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4 This bill increases the incentive for state employees to
6 come forward with savings and also provides state departments and
8 agencies with incentives to save funds by allowing the
 departments and agencies to retain 30% of the first year's
 estimated savings. Departments and agencies will be able to keep
 these funds in dedicated accounts for their own use.