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No. 1704

S.P. 654

In Senate, January 16, 1996

An Act Redefining the Community Services Structure of the Mental Health System.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PENDEXTER of Cumberland.

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

Sec. 1. PL 1995, c. 395, Pt. H, §9 is amended to read:

Sec. H-9. Appropriation and position transfers. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation as an interim strategy to downsize the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Pineland Center is authorized by financial order to transfer positions authorized by the Legislature between accounts within the same fund and to transfer available balances of appropriations and allocations between line categories and accounts within the same fund, as the positions and funds become available through the downsizing of the Augusta Mental Health Institute and the Pineland Center, in order to achieve provisions of the consent decree plans. ~~Positions and funding from the Augusta Mental Health Institute budget must be transferred as needed for reassignment to support and establish geographical Local Mental Health Authority Districts within the Division of Mental Health, Community Program and necessary services consistent with the AMHI Consent Decree Plan.~~ Positions and funding from the Pineland Center budget must be transferred as needed to ensure the adequate provision of community and crisis supports for Pineland Center residents. The transfer of positions and funding is authorized in order to comply with the consent decree plans consistent with the substantially detailed plan submitted to and reviewed by the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill eliminates language from Public Law 1995, chapter 395 that authorizes the transfer of positions and funding from the Augusta Mental Health Institute budget as needed for reassignment to establish local mental health authority districts.