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H.P. 456

House of Representatives, January 30, 1997

An Act to Make Allocations for the Operating Expenditures of the Intergovernmental Telecommunications Fund of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999.

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative KERR of Old Orchard Beach. (GOVERNOR'S BILL)
Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** the 90-day period may not terminate until after the
beginning of the next fiscal year; and

8 **Whereas,** certain obligations and expenses will become due
and payable on or immediately after July 1, 1997; and

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12 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
14 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

20 **Sec. 1. Allocation of fund.** In order to provide for the
necessary expenses of current operation and administration of the
Intergovernmental Telecommunications Fund of the Department of
22 Administrative and Financial Services, the following amounts, or
as much of those amounts as may be necessary, are allocated from
24 the revenues derived from operations of the fund.

	1997-98	1998-99
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Intergovernmental Telecommunications Fund		
Positions - Legislative Count	(32.000)	(32.000)
Personal Services	\$1,330,992	\$1,376,938
All Other	1,635,623	1,771,301
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38 Total	\$2,966,615	\$3,148,239

40 **Sec. 2. Adjustments to allocations.** Allocations may be increased
or adjusted by the State Budget Officer with the approval of the
42 Governor to specifically cover those adjustments determined to be
necessary under any salary plan approved by the Legislature, and
44 those reclassifications and range changes that have been approved
by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and
46 submitted for legislative review prior to the effective date of
this Act.

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50 **Sec. 3. Exclusion.** Exclusive of the provisions of sections 1
and 2, up to \$750,000 for Capital Expenditures may be expended

2 in each fiscal year of the biennium, exclusive of capital items
3 obtained through lease-purchases or other similar agreements
4 consistent with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section
5 1587, and other applicable laws. It is the intent of the
6 Legislature that no capital items purchased through the
7 Intergovernmental Telecommunications Fund may be given,
8 transferred, sold or otherwise conveyed to any other department,
9 agency or account, unless the transaction has received specific
10 prior legislative authorization through the budgetary process.

11 **Sec. 4. Encumbered balances at year end.** At the end of each
12 fiscal year, all encumbered balances may not be carried more than
13 once.

14 **Sec. 5. Legislative intent.** It is the intent of the Legislature
15 that all departments and agencies be assessed telecommunication
16 charges on the basis of uniform billing procedures and in direct
17 proportion to the services they are provided. However, during
18 the 1998-99 biennium, no department or agency may be required to
19 utilize resources in excess of levels that historically have been
20 found to be necessary and available to it in order to maintain
21 the level of service currently being received to satisfy such
22 assessments.

23 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
24 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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28 **FISCAL NOTE**

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36 **SUMMARY**

37 This bill makes allocations for the operating expenses of
38 the Intergovernmental Telecommunications Fund of the Department
39 of Administrative and Financial Services for the fiscal years
40 ending June 30, 1998 and June 30, 1999, to make supplemental
41 allocations to support growth and expansion of the agency.
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