

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1436

House of Representatives, January 14, 1998


**An Act to Appropriate Funds for Mental Retardation Day Services for  
Nonclass Members.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

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

  
JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TOWNSEND of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representatives: BERRY of Livermore, KERR of Old Orchard Beach,  
LEMAIRE of Lewiston, MITCHELL of Portland, PIEH of Bremen, POULIN of Oakland,  
ROWE of Portland, STEVENS of Orono.

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

4           Whereas, there are approximately 700 persons on a waiting  
6 list to receive services funded pursuant to this legislation; and

8           Whereas, it is necessary for this legislation to take effect  
immediately so that services may be administered to the people on  
10 the waiting list; and

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

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

20           **Sec. 1. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated  
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

|  | 1997-98     | 1998-99     |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| <b>MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL<br/>RETARDATION AND SUBSTANCE<br/>ABUSE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF</b>                                     |             |             |
| <b>Medicaid Services - Mental<br/>Retardation</b>  |             |             |
| 32           All Other   | \$1,040,000 | \$1,040,000 |
| 34           Provides funds for day<br>36           services for people with<br>mental retardation who are<br>not class members. |             |             |
| <b>Mental Retardation Services -<br/>Community</b>   |             |             |
| 42           All Other   | 260,000     | 260,000     |
| 44           Provides funds for day<br>46           services for people with<br>mental retardation who are<br>not class members. |             |             |
| <b>DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH,</b>  |             |             |

2 **MENTAL RETARDATION AND**  
3 **SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES**  
4 **TOTAL** \$1,300,000 \$1,300,000

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

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**SUMMARY**

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11 This bill provides funding to the Department of Mental  
12 Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to  
13 provide day services to people with mental retardation who are  
14 not class members.