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H.P. 81

House of Representatives, January 9, 2001

An Act to Clarify the Provision of Mental Health Services.

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative BROOKS of Winterport.
Cosponsored by Senator DAGGETT of Kennebec and
Representatives: BAKER of Bangor, LORING of the Penobscot Nation, McKEE of Wayne,
O'BRIEN of Augusta, QUINT of Portland, Senators: McALEVEY of York, SAWYER of
Penobscot.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1610-B**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. NNN, §1, is amended to read:

6 **§1610-B. Additional securities**

8 Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities
10 that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the
12 authority may issue additional securities in an amount not to
exceed \$33,000,000 outstanding at any one time for a ~~psychiatric
treatment-facility~~ new Augusta Mental Health Institute.

14 **Sec. 2. PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. NNN, §§2 and 3** are amended to read:

16 **Sec. NNN-2. Maine Governmental Facilities Authority; resolution for
18 issuance of securities.** Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes,
20 Title 4, section 1606, subsection 2 and section 1610-B, and
22 notwithstanding the limitation contained in Title 4, section
24 1606, subsection 2 regarding the amount of securities that may be
issued, the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority is authorized
to issue securities in its own name in an amount up to
\$33,000,000 for the purpose of paying the cost associated with
the ~~psychiatric-treatment-facility-located-in~~ new Augusta Mental
Health Institute.

26 **Sec. NNN-3. Allocation.** The proceeds from the sale of the
28 securities issued by the Maine Government Facilities Authority
pursuant to this Part must be expended as follows:

30 ~~Psychiatric-Treatment-Facility~~
32 New Augusta Mental Health Institute \$33,000,000

34 **Sec. 3. PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. OOO, §1** is amended to read:

36 **Sec. OOO-1. Use of federal reimbursement funds.** All federal
38 funding received by the Department of Mental Health, Mental
Retardation and Substance Abuse Services related to the
40 construction of the new ~~psychiatric-treatment-center-in~~ Augusta
Mental Health Institute must be deposited in the Maine State
42 Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund established under
the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17251. These funds
44 must be used to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability.

46 **Sec. 4. Provision of mental health services.** The Department of
Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services
shall provide appropriate community resources necessary for
48 mental health treatment in this State. Inpatient services

2 must be provided at 2 state-operated, public psychiatric
hospitals, one in Bangor named Bangor Mental Health Institute and
4 one in Augusta named Augusta Mental Health Institute, and at
privately operated hospitals.

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SUMMARY

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10 This bill specifies that the funding approved for a
psychiatric treatment facility is for a new Augusta Mental Health
12 Institute. It requires the Department of Mental Health, Mental
Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to provide appropriate
14 community resources necessary for mental health treatment in this
State. It provides that inpatient services must be provided at 2
16 state-operated, public psychiatric hospitals, one in Bangor named
Bangor Mental Health Institute and one in Augusta named Augusta
Mental Health Institute, and at privately operated hospitals.

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