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H.P. 956

House of Representatives, February 28, 2001

**An Act to Address the Crisis in Personnel, Insurance and Heating Costs
in the Provision of Community Mental Health Services.**

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative BERRY of Livermore.
Cosponsored by Senator GOLDTHWAIT of Hancock.

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

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

	2001-02	2002-03
8 MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL RETARDATION		
10 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES,		
 DEPARTMENT OF		
12 Mental Health Services - Community		
 Medicaid		
14 All Other	\$980,773	\$977,409
16 Provides for the		
18 appropriation of state		
20 matching funds to allow		
nonhospital-based agencies		
22 that provide mental health		
services to increase the		
24 wages of all employees in the		
classifications whose hourly		
26 wage is less than \$9.50 per		
hour to that rate and to		
28 provide a 4% increase to		
other employees in that		
classification.		
30 Mental Health Services - Community		
32 Medicaid		
34 All Other	\$540,375	\$1,082,482
36 Provides for the		
38 appropriation of state		
matching funds to allow		
40 community-based mental health		
services providers to		
42 maintain the current levels		
of health insurance coverage		
44 for their employees.		
46 Mental Health Services - Community		
 Medicaid		
48 All Other	\$21,900	\$46,333

2 Provides for the
 3 appropriation of state
 4 matching funds to allow
 5 community-based mental health
 6 services providers to
 7 maintain the current levels
 8 of workers' compensation and
 9 employer's liability
 10 insurance for their employees.

12 **Mental Health Services - Community
 13 Medicaid**

14 All Other \$201,060 \$422,106

16 Provides for the
 17 appropriation of state
 18 matching funds for increased
 19 occupancy and utility costs
 20 for residential, outpatient
 21 and administrative services.

24 **DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, MENTAL
 25 RETARDATION AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
 26 SERVICES**

27 **TOTAL** \$1,744,108 \$2,528,330

28 **Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the
 29 Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

31 2001-02 2002-03

34 **HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

36 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers**

37 All Other \$1,943,851 \$1,947,215

39 Provides for the allocation
 40 of funds for the federal
 41 match on Medicaid services
 42 funded by the Department of
 43 Mental Health, Mental
 44 Retardation and Substance
 45 Abuse Services to allow
 46 nonhospital-based agencies
 47 that provide mental health
 48 services to increase the

2 wages of all employees in the
3 classifications whose hourly
4 wage is less than \$9.50 per
5 hour to that rate and to
6 provide a 4% increase to
7 other employees in that
8 classification.

8 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers**

10 All Other \$1,071,000 \$2,156,543

12 Provides for the allocation
14 of funds for the federal
15 match on Medicaid services
16 funded by the Department of
17 Mental Health, Mental
18 Retardation and Substance
19 Abuse Services to allow
20 community-based mental health
21 services providers to
22 maintain the current levels
23 of health insurance for their
24 employees.

26 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers**

28 All Other \$43,405 \$92,307

30 Provides for the allocation
31 of funds for the federal
32 match on Medicaid services
33 funded by the Department of
34 Mental Health, Mental
35 Retardation and Substance
36 Abuse Services to allow
37 community-based mental health
38 services providers to
39 maintain the current levels
40 of workers' compensation and
41 employer's liability
42 insurance for their employees.

44 **Medical Care - Payments to Providers**

46 All Other \$398,493 \$840,928

48 Provides for the allocation
49 of funds for the federal
50 match on Medicaid services

2 funded by the Department of
Mental Health, Mental
4 Retardation and Substance
Abuse Services for increased
6 occupancy and utility costs
and administrative services.

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10 **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
TOTAL \$3,456,749 \$5,036,993

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14 SUMMARY

16 This bill provides funds for the Department of Mental
Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to allow
18 for community-based mental health services providers to:

20 1. Increase the wages of all employees in the
classifications who make less than \$9.50 per hour to that rate
and to provide a 4% increase to other employees in that
22 classification;

24 2. Maintain the current levels of health insurance coverage
for their employees;

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28 3. Maintain the current levels of workers' compensation and
employer's liability insurance for their employees; and

30 4. Cover the increased occupancy and utility costs for
residential, outpatient and administrative services.