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S.P. 614

In Senate, December 17, 2003

**An Act To Ensure the State's Commitment to Former Students Who
Were Physically or Sexually Abused at the Governor Baxter School
for the Deaf or the Maine School for the Deaf**

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

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 16, 2003. Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Joy J. O'Brien'.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative BLISS of South Portland and
Senators: BRYANT of Oxford, TREAT of Kennebec, Representative: USHER of Westbrook.

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

4 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following
4 appropriations and allocations are made.

6 **BAXTER COMPENSATION AUTHORITY**

8 Initiative: Appropriates additional funds to disperse to those
10 former students who are found to have suffered physical or sexual
12 abuse while they were students at and under the care of the
Governor Baxter School for the Deaf or the Maine School for the
Deaf.

14	General Fund	2003-04	2004-05
16	All Other	\$0	\$6,000,000
18	General Fund Total	\$0	\$6,000,000

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill appropriates \$6,000,000 to the Baxter Compensation
24 Authority to disperse cash awards to those former students who
26 are found to have suffered physical or sexual abuse while they
were students at and under the care of the Governor Baxter School
for the Deaf or the Maine School for the Deaf.