

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 475

In Senate, April 9, 2015

An Act To Fund the Maine Diversion Alert Program

(EMERGENCY)

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator WILLETTE of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Representative FOWLE of Vassalboro and
Senators: KATZ of Kennebec, ROSEN of Hancock, President THIBODEAU of Waldo,
Representatives: DAVITT of Hampden, GERRISH of Lebanon, LAJOIE of Lewiston,
WARREN of Hallowell.

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

3 **Whereas,** the Maine Diversion Alert Program requires additional funding in fiscal
4 year 2014-15 and beyond to maintain the program statewide; and

5 **Whereas,** this legislation provides funds for the Maine Diversion Alert Program
6 during fiscal year 2014-15; and

7 **Whereas,** in order for the funds to be available in fiscal year 2014-15 this legislation
8 needs to take effect before adjournment; and

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

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

14 **Sec. 1. Maine Diversion Alert Program report.** The Department of Health
15 and Human Services shall determine the amount of funding required to maintain the
16 Maine Diversion Alert Program statewide and shall seek ongoing funding sources for the
17 program. The department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Joint
18 Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 1, 2016.

19 **Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
20 allocations are made.

21 **ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

22 **Administration - Attorney General 0310**

23 Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the Maine Diversion Alert Program.

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25 GENERAL FUND	26 2014-15	27 2015-16	28 2016-17
25 All Other	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$95,000
26 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$95,000</u>	<u>\$95,000</u>	<u>\$95,000</u>

29 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this
30 legislation takes effect when approved.

31 **SUMMARY**

32 This bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to determine the
33 amount of funding required to maintain the Maine Diversion Alert Program statewide, to
34 seek ongoing funding sources for the program and to report its findings and
35 recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no

1 later than January 1, 2016. It also provides one-time General Fund appropriations of
2 \$95,000 in fiscal year 2014-15, fiscal year 2015-16 and fiscal year 2016-17 for the
3 Department of the Attorney General to maintain funding for the program.