

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION
September 5, 1996 to September 7, 1996

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
March 27, 1997 to June 20, 1997

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
SEPTEMBER 19, 1997

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

J.S. McCarthy Company
Augusta, Maine
1997

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

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

Sec. 1. Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services authorized to extend position end dates and transfer funds. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law, the Commissioner of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services may extend the May 31, 1997 end date for 37.5 positions at the Augusta Mental Health Institute in order to meet staff-to-patient ratio requirements as outlined in the final consolidated plan response in the matter of *Bates v. Peet* cv-89-88 (Me. Super. Ct., Kenn. Cty., Mar. 8, 1996)(Mills, N.) to May 31, 1998. A listing of the positions to be extended is on file in the Bureau of the Budget.

The commissioner also may transfer funds as needed for this purpose by financial order from the Consent Decree Reinvestment Fund-Mental Health or the Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid account to the Disproportionate Share - Augusta Mental Health Institute account and to make corresponding allocation increases in the Augusta Mental Health Institute Other Special Revenue account. This financial order takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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

Effective June 11, 1997.

CHAPTER 47

H.P. 1095 - L.D. 1538

An Act to Promote Adult Education

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

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

1998-99

**EDUCATION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Learning Systems

All Other \$72,210

Provides funds to increase the state subsidy for adult education by 2% in fiscal year 1998-99.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 48

S.P. 328 - L.D. 1106

An Act to Increase Access to Education, Training and Employment for Displaced Homemakers

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

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

1997-98 1998-99

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Centers for Women, Work and Community

All Other \$175,000 \$175,000

Provides funds statewide to increase placement and transitional support services for displaced homemakers entering education, training, employment and self-employment leading to economic self-sufficiency and to build program capacity to deliver these services and to measure outcomes. Included in this appropriation are funds for resource centers in the Katahdin area and the St. John Valley.

Sec. 2. Department of Labor; rename program. The following program in the Department of Labor is renamed as follows: "Displaced Home-