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of a commitment under this section terminates on entry into the progressive treatment program.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 320

S.P. 333 - L.D. 1016

An Act Regarding Residential Care Facilities for Children

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

Whereas, allowing parents to reside in residential child care facilities is needed in the child welfare system to assist families to stay together; and

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. 22 MRSA §8107, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Parents of children receiving services. Adult parents may reside with their children in a residential child care facility in order to facilitate the care of the child when the department has determined it to be in the best interest of the child.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8107, as amended by PL 1989, c. 355, §3, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The department may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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

Effective June 19, 2007.

CHAPTER 321

S.P. 324 - L.D. 1007

An Act To Promote County-based Economic and Community Development

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §125, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 179, §1, is amended to read:

§125. Economic and community development

1. Budget authority. Subject to the provisions of chapter 3, subchapter 1, ~~article 6, the county commissioners of Piscataquis County may in each county~~ have the power to raise, appropriate, borrow and expend money for the purposes of county economic and community development, subject to the following provisions and limitations.

A. As used in this section, "county economic and community development" means assisting or encouraging the creation or preservation of new or existing employment opportunities for residents of ~~Piscataquis County a county,~~ or any of its municipalities ~~or unorganized territories,~~ through one or more of the following activities:

- (1) Development of new sites for the physical location, settlement or resettlement of new or expanded manufacturing, fishing, commercial or other business enterprises to be located within the county, including surveying, payment of related costs for surveying, land acquisition, land use and environmental permitting, engineering, legal services and infrastructure development;
- (2) Constructing or financing the development of new community industrial buildings, as defined in Title 5, section 13120-B, to be located within ~~Piscataquis County~~ the county;
- (3) Redevelopment of existing structures located within the county for commercial, industrial or mixed use;
- (4) Construction, financing or operating assistance to necessary publicly owned transportation facilities, including facilities for passenger and cargo transportation;
- (5) Provision of local matching funds for any state or federal transportation project, community development grant or rural development grant to the county or any of its municipalities, intended to achieve purposes substantially similar to those listed in subparagraphs (1) to (4);