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CHAPTER 1202

AUTISTIC CHILDREN

H. F. 689

AN ACT defining autistic children and clarifying provisions relating to payment of the costs of inpatient or outpatient care of autistic children.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section four hundred forty-four point twelve (444.12), subsection
2 two (2), unnumbered paragraph one (1), Code 1975, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 Any portion which the board of supervisors may deem advisable of the cost of
5 psychiatric examination and treatment of persons in need thereof or of
6 professional evaluation, treatment, training, habilitation, and care of persons who
7 are mentally retarded, *autistic children* or *persons who* are afflicted by any other
8 developmental disability, at any suitable public or private facility providing
9 inpatient or outpatient care in such county. As used in this subsection,
10 "~~developmental~~": a. "Developmental disability" has the meaning assigned that term
11 by title 42, section 2691, subsection 1, United States Code, as amended to
12 January 1, 1974. b. "*Autistic children*" means persons, regardless of age, with severe
13 communication and behavior disorders that became manifest during the early stages of
14 childhood development and that are characterized by a severely disabling inability to
15 understand, communicate, learn and participate in social relationships. "*Autistic*
16 *children*" includes but is not limited to those persons afflicted by infantile autism,
17 *profound aphasia and childhood psychosis.*

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CHAPTER 1203

LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICTS

S. F. 547

AN ACT relating to the financing of levees and drainage districts.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter four hundred fifty-five (455), Code 1975, is amended by
2 adding the following new section:

3 NEW SECTION. The board of a county with a population of two hundred
4 thousand persons or more that has established a drainage district located partly