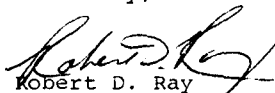


Finally, it is important to note that Section 13 anticipates an expansion of state responsibility for mental health services which are not currently provided to existing state patients. Many of these services will not be fully defined until the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Commission begins operation on January 1, 1982. Providing state responsibility for services that have yet to be defined is premature. It would be best to wait until the Commission is fully established before any extension of existing mental health services is provided in the law.

In summary, while it may be wise for the state in the future to assume the cost of community-based mental health and mental retardation services for people who have no county of legal settlement and are not able to pay for those services themselves, the state's current budget constraints do not allow for such an extension of financial responsibility at this time. The legislature extended the services but did not appropriate the monies necessary to fund these services. In addition, the open-ended nature of the appropriation and the failure to adequately define the services to be provided warrant an item veto of Section 13 of this bill.

For the above reasons, I hereby disapprove this item in accordance with Amendment 4 of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items of Senate File 572 are hereby approved as of this date.

Sincerely,


ROBERT D. RAY
Governor

CHAPTER 79

MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE SUPERINTENDENT

S. F. 409

AN ACT relating to the qualifications of the superintendent of a state mental health institute.

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

Section 1. Section 226.2, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

226.2 QUALIFICATIONS OF SUPERINTENDENT. ~~The--superintendent--of--each hospital--shall--be--either--a--qualified--hospital--administrator--or--a--physician--of acknowledged--skill--and--ability--in--his--profession--and--authorized--to--practice medicine--in--this--state--No~~ The superintendent of each institute must be qualified by experience and training in the administration of human service programs. A physician may shall not serve as both superintendent and business manager. When-a A hospital administrator or other person qualified

in business management is appointed superintendent he may also be designated to perform the duties of business manager, without additional compensation therefor, and--a. A physician having--the--requisite--qualifications--for appointment-as appointed superintendent shall be designated clinical director and shall perform the duties imposed on the superintendent by section 226.6, subsection 1, and such other duties of the superintendent as must by their nature be performed by a physician.

Approved May 18, 1981

CHAPTER 80

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES

H. F. 232

AN ACT relating to the funding of specified programs of the department of social services during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1980 and ending June 30, 1981, and providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Acts of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly, 1979 Session, chapter 8, section 10, subsection 1, is amended to read as follows:

1. It is the intent of the general assembly that the schedule of living costs and the payment for persons on the aid to dependent children program shall be increased for all family sizes by six percent commencing October 1, 1979 and by an additional six percent commencing October 1, 1980 and that the schedule of basic needs as provided in the Iowa administrative code 770-41.8(2) as published on June 25, 1980, shall remain in effect for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981.

Sec. 2. Acts of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly, 1979 Session, chapter 8, section 10, subsection 3, is amended to read as follows:

3. ~~It is the intent of the general assembly in appropriating funds in section eight (8), subsection two (2) of this Act that, notwithstanding the provisions of section two hundred thirty nine point eighteen (239.18) of the code, the department of social services shall not reduce the standards of payment referred to in subsection one (1) of this section, nor establish eligibility criteria for recipients under the aid to dependent children program which are more restrictive than the criteria required by applicable federal regulations.~~ The portion of the special needs program of the aid to dependent children program relating to property repair, tree removal, child care, personal services, special tax assessments, and special child in foster care visits shall be continued eliminated effective April 1, 1981. By April 1, 1981, the department shall delete Iowa administrative code 770-41.8(2)a and implement a rule that the needs of a child in a nonparental home when the relative is not in the eligible group shall be computed on the same basis as if the child were in the home of a parent.