

**226.8 Persons with mental retardation not receivable — exception.**

No person who is mentally retarded, as defined by [section 222.2](#), shall be admitted, or transferred pursuant to [section 222.7](#), to a state mental health institute unless a professional diagnostic evaluation indicates that such person will benefit from psychiatric treatment or from some other specific program available at the mental health institute to which it is proposed to admit or transfer the person. Charges for the care of any person with mental retardation admitted to a state mental health institute shall be made by the institute in the manner provided by [chapter 230](#), but the liability of any other person to any county for the cost of care of such person with mental retardation shall be as prescribed by [section 222.78](#).

[R60, §1468, 1491; C73, §1434; C97, §2298; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §3490; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §226.8]

96 Acts, ch 1129, §113