

REPORT TO
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ON
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 1973

Kevin Burns, Commissioner of Social Services and Jim Bethel, Director of the Bureau of Mental Retardation appeared before the committee to continue the presentation of the October meeting concerning the departmental policy, goals of the director concerning coordinating programs at the two hospital-schools and the differences in philosophy of the two superintendents.

A list of fourteen questions was submitted to the department prior to the meeting for specific answers. A list of these questions as well as statements of philosophy and the purposes and goals of each superintendent are on file in the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

Director Bethel indicated his primary concern at this time is to eliminate the competition between the two hospital-schools. It was pointed out that a major problem in dealing with the mentally retarded is the numerous agencies involved with the care of the mentally retarded--the Department of Social Services, the Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Health, Community Programs, Boards of Supervisors, etc. The Fiscal Committee has requested that a flow chart be prepared before next session detailing the services available for a mentally retarded person by responsibility and Code reference.

The microfilm subcommittee reported to the full committee and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau was directed to proceed with a survey on the need for a record retention program for state government. The Fiscal Bureau is working with the Legislative Service Bureau on this endeavor and after the results of the survey have been compiled, a bill will be drafted for committee consideration.

Reports were received on the following visits by the Visitation Committees:

1. State Departments
October 15 visit to Department of History and Archives
2. Natural Resources
October 18-19 tour of lakes regarding dredging
3. Human Resources
October 23 visit to Riverview Release Center
4. Education
October 26 visit to the University of Northern Iowa
November 3 visit to University of Iowa
November 9 visit to Iowa State University

The November 20 meeting of the Legislative Fiscal Committee previously approved by the Council has been postponed because of conflicts in scheduling. A meeting will be held on call of the Chairman to finalize an interim report to the Council.