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By BINA and CUSACK

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Vote: Ayes 75 Nays 1 Vote: Ayes 41 Nays 0  
Approved 5-13-76

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act defining autistic children.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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H-5228

- 1 Amend House File 689 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, line 6, by striking the words
- 3 "the limited ability" and inserting in lieu
- 4 thereof the following: "a severely disabling
- 5 inability".

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1 Section 1. Section four point one (4.1), Code 1975, is  
2 amended by adding the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. "Autistic children" means persons, regard-  
4 less of age, with severe communication and behavior disorders  
5 that became manifest during the early stages of childhood  
6 development and that are characterized by the limited ability  
7 to understand, communicate, learn and participate in social  
8 relationships.

9 "Autistic children" include but are not limited to those  
10 persons afflicted by infantile autism, profound aphasia and  
11 childhood psychosis.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill adds a definition of the term "autistic children"  
14 to the chapter in the Code dealing with definitions and  
15 statutory construction. If state programs are provided, or  
16 local programs funded, it will be necessary to have a  
17 definition of autistic children.

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H-5293

1 Amend House File 689 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting  
3 clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:  
4 "Section 1. Section four hundred forty-four point  
5 twelve (444.12), subsection two (2), unnumbered  
6 paragraph one (1), Code 1975, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

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

30 2. Amend the title, line 1, by inserting after  
31 the word "children" the words "and clarifying  
32 provisions relating to payment of the costs of  
33 inpatient or outpatient care of autistic children".

H-5293 FILED - *Adopted 3/23* BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES  
FEBRUARY 20, 1976 *(1336)* HIGGINS of Scott, Chair

HOUSE FILE 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:

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

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

to those persons afflicted by infantile autism, profound aphasia and childhood psychosis.

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DALE M. COCHRAN  
Speaker of the House

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ARTHUR A. NEU  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 689, Sixty-sixth General Assembly.

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DAVID L. WRAY  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved \_\_\_\_\_, 1976

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ROBERT D. RAY  
Governor