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Senate Bill No. 708

Senate, April 25, 2001

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPPORTIVE DAY CARE PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 17a-217 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The Department of Mental Retardation shall develop [day-care]
4 day care programs, [day-camp] day camp programs and recreational
5 programs for [mentally retarded] children and adults with mental
6 retardation, including, but not limited to, a program to provide
7 supportive day care for students with mental retardation up to the age
8 of twenty-one that shall be made available at public schools and other
9 locations. Any nonprofit organization which establishes or maintains
10 [day-care] day care programs, [day-camp] day camp programs or
11 recreational programs for [mentally retarded] children or adults with
12 mental retardation may apply to the Department of Mental
13 Retardation for funds to be used to assist in establishing, maintaining

14 or expanding such programs. For the purposes of this section: (1) A
15 [day-care] day care program (A) may provide for the care and training
16 of preschool age children to enable them to achieve their maximum
17 social, physical and emotional potential; (B) may provide [mentally
18 retarded] adolescents and adults with mental retardation with an
19 activity program which includes training in one or more of the
20 following areas: (i) Self-care, (ii) activities of daily living, (iii) personal
21 and social adjustment, (iv) work habits, and (v) skills, speech and
22 language development; (2) a [day-camp] day camp program may
23 provide [mentally retarded] children or adults with mental retardation
24 with a supervised program of out-of-doors activities which may be
25 conducted during all or part of the months of June, July, August and
26 September; [] and (3) a recreational program may provide planned
27 and supervised recreational activities for [mentally retarded] children
28 or adults with mental retardation, which activities may be of a social,
29 athletic or purely diversionary nature and which programs shall be
30 considered separate and apart from the [day-camp] day camp program
31 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

32 (b) No grant made under this section to assist in establishing,
33 maintaining or expanding any [of the above programs under the
34 provisions] program set forth in subsection (a) of this section shall
35 exceed the ordinary and recurring annual operating expenses of such
36 program, nor shall any grant be made to pay for all or any part of
37 capital expenditures. The Department of Mental Retardation shall: (1)
38 Define minimum requirements to be met by each program in order to
39 be eligible to receive funds as provided for by this section in regard to
40 qualification and number of staff members and program operation,
41 including, but not limited to, physical plant and record keeping; (2)
42 establish procedures to be used in making application for such funds;
43 and [provide] (3) adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,
44 governing the granting of funds to assist in the establishment of [day-
45 care] day care programs, [day-camp] day camp programs and
46 recreational programs for [the mentally retarded] persons with mental

47 retardation. Upon receipt of proper application, the Department of
48 Mental Retardation, within available appropriations, may grant such
49 funds, provided the plans for financing and the standards of operation
50 of such programs shall be approved by [said] the department in
51 accordance with the provisions of this section. For the purpose of
52 developing such programs [said] the department may accept grants
53 from the federal government, a municipality or any other source.

PH *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Explanation Below

Affected Agencies: Department of Mental Retardation

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

The bill requires the Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) to develop a supportive day care program for students up to 21 years old with mental retardation. These programs are to be made available at public schools and other locations.

The department currently is required by statute to develop a day care and day camp program for children and adults with mental retardation. Family support grants and individualized supports may be utilized for these types of services, although funding is based on the available appropriations. sHB 6668 the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported by the Appropriations Committee, does not include additional funding for this program. Therefore, the department would not have the funding available to implement this enhancement or fully fund the existing program. To the extent that the department provided a day care program for students with mental retardation at a school, then an average annual cost per student of \$2,500 - \$5,000 may result. However, this could vary significantly depending on the level

of service needs.

OLR BILL ANALYSIS

SB 708

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUPPORTIVE DAY CARE PROGRAM.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Department of Mental Retardation (DMR) to develop a supportive day care program at public schools and other locations for students with mental retardation up to 21 years old as part of its existing day care, day camp, and recreational programs for people with mental retardation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report
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