

OFA BILL ANALYSIS

sHB 5929

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION**

**SUMMARY:** This bill would establish five, eighteen-month pilot programs in the Department of Mental Retardation. Four of the programs would use the concept of a master contract and require the FAC transfer of funds from existing programs into a special account. In addition, sHB 5100 (the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported from the Appropriations Committee) provides \$150,921 for an additional pilot program using family care homes. Finally, the bill establishes a task force to study the financial structure of Camp Harkness. The task force shall be composed of the chairpersons of Public Health or their designees, who shall serve as chairpersons of the task force, the Commissioner of Mental Retardation or her designee, a representative of the town of Waterford and a public member who shall represent users of the Camp Harkness facilities.

The task force shall conduct a study of the financial structure of Camp Harkness, consider the establishment of user fees for the camp and study the feasibility of making the camp self-sufficient.

The task force shall report its findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Public Health on or before January 1, 1993.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1992

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute  
Yea 43 Nay 0

*MPS/Kr*  
*5929. ba*