

Senate, April 2, 1998. The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WILLIAMS, 29th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN CLIENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION.

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

1 (NEW) The Department of Mental Retardation
2 shall not place any client of the department,
3 whose behavior may seriously jeopardize the safety
4 of other community members and for whom a
5 specialized treatment setting is required, in a
6 facility in any municipality in which a
7 correctional facility is located.

8 JUD COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 39 NAY 0 JFS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 269

STATE IMPACT Potential Future Impact, see explanation below

MUNICIPAL IMPACT None

STATE AGENCY(S) Departments of Mental Retardation, Judicial and Correction

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

Currently, there are no existing specialized treatment facilities for the Department of Mental Retardation's clients whose behavior may seriously jeopardize the safety of other community members. This bill restricts the department from placing such clients for whom a specialized treatment setting is required, in a facility in any municipality in which a correctional facility is located. There are currently, 12 municipalities in the state where correctional institutions are located. It is assumed, for purposes of interpretation, that correctional facility, as provided in this bill corresponds with the statutory definition of "correctional institution". As a result of the restriction imposed by this bill, the Department would not incur additional costs. Future fiscal impact may occur due to restrictions on the placement of clients, thereby limiting the choice of locations in the future and resulting in a loss of efficiencies.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

sSB 269

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DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION**

SUMMARY: This bill prohibits the Department of Mental Retardation from placing certain clients in any municipality that already contains a correctional facility. The clients covered by this provision are those (1) whose behavior may seriously jeopardize the safety of community residents and (2) who require a specialized treatment setting.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 39 Nay 0