

HOUSE BILL NO. 326

Introduced: 01/18/83

Referred to Committee on Appropriations: 10/18/83

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Report: 02/18/83, Do Not Pass

Bill Killed: 02/19/83

1 House BILL NO. 326  
 2 INTRODUCED BY Bergene Buntcher

3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSTITUTIONS  
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REMOVE THE  
 6 RESTRICTION ON THE AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS THAT CAN BE  
 7 APPROPRIATED FOR REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE CONTRACTS;  
 8 AMENDING SECTION 53-21-203, MCA."  
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 Section 1. Section 53-21-203, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "53-21-203. Departmental contracts with mental health  
 13 corporations. ~~{1}~~ The department may enter into contracts  
 14 with regional mental health corporations for the purposes of  
 15 the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of mental illness.  
 16 Under rules adopted by the department, mental health  
 17 corporations may be provided for directly by state agencies  
 18 or indirectly through contract or cooperative arrangements  
 19 with other agencies of government, regional or local,  
 20 private or public agencies, private professional persons, or  
 21 hospitals.

22 ~~{2}--State funds specifically appropriated for regional~~  
 23 ~~mental health service contracts shall not exceed 50% of the~~  
 24 ~~budget approved by the departments. Furthermore, the~~  
 25 ~~department may establish a system whereby funds appropriated~~

1 ~~to the Warm Springs state hospital for patient care may be~~  
 2 ~~transferred to the community mental health services used to~~  
 3 ~~implement this part if the patient load at Warm Springs~~  
 4 ~~state hospital is reduced and these patients become patients~~  
 5 ~~of a community mental health service a portion of the funds~~  
 6 ~~appropriated for Warm Springs state hospital may be used to~~  
 7 ~~supplement the regional budgets. However, if those patients~~  
 8 ~~are returned to Warm Springs state hospital from the~~  
 9 ~~community mental health services, these funds may revert~~  
 10 ~~back to the Warm Springs state hospital. The department~~  
 11 ~~shall establish rules to implement this provision."~~

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## STATE OF MONTANA

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## FISCAL NOTE

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In compliance with a written request received January 20,, 19 83, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for House Bill 326 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

House Bill 326 removes the restriction on the amount of state funds that can be appropriated for Regional Mental Health Service contracts.

ASSUMPTION:

- 1) Elimination of the 50% funding is not intended to increase state general funds beyond current levels, rather it is intended to provide the department the flexibility to maintain legislatively approved levels of service within the appropriated levels of general funds should there be an unanticipated decrease in other funding sources.

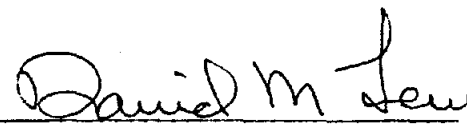
FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

COMMENT:

Community grants for the Mental Health Centers previous to federal fiscal year 82 were granted directly to the Mental Health Centers. In federal fiscal year 82, the block grant was granted directly to the state; therefore, it became state money.

FISCAL NOTE 7:H/1



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