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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

To designate a "Mental Health Authority" in the state of Iowa through which the U. S. Public Health Service can deal in connection with the benefits that the state of Iowa can derive from the provisions of the National Mental Health Act which has been enacted by the Congress of the United States.

WHEREAS, the 79th Congress of the United States enacted Public Law 487 which amends the Public Health Service Act to provide for research relating to psychopathic disorders and to aid in the developing of more effective methods of prevention, diagnosis and treatment of such disorders and,

WHEREAS, said law contemplates the granting of money to the several states for such purposes, and

WHEREAS, said law will not require the appropriation of any money at this time in order for the state of Iowa to receive such benefits, and

WHEREAS, said law further provides that the several states must designate a "Mental Health Authority" through which such funds may be channelled, and

WHEREAS, there is now available from the Federal Government for the current year for such purpose approximately \$57,000 for the state of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, the Psychopathic Hospital at Iowa City, the Board of Control of State Institutions, the Department of Health, and the private hospitals in the state of Iowa, are all interested in receiving the benefits of this law, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that a policy making committee be established to advise and direct the "Iowa Mental Health Authority" as to the manner in which such funds shall be expended.

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. The Psychopathic Hospital at Iowa City,
2 Iowa, through its Director is hereby designated as the
3 "Iowa Mental Health Authority" for the purpose of directing
4 the benefits of Public Law 487 of the 79th Congress of
5 the United States and said Iowa Mental Health Authority
6 shall direct such program and disburse any funds in connection
7 therewith by and with the consent and approval of the
8 Committee on Mental Health hereinafter named in Section 2.

1 Sec. 2. There is hereby created the Committee for
2 Mental Health Hygiene for the state of Iowa, which committee
3 shall consist of the Director of the Psychopathic Hospital
4 at Iowa City, Iowa, the Director of Mental Institutions
5 under the Board of Control of the state of Iowa, the
6 Commissioner of Health of the state of Iowa, one member
7 of the Board of Control, designated by said Board, and one
8 practicing psychiatrist representing the private mental
9 hospitals in this state to be appointed by the governor.

1 Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the committee for
2 Mental Hygiene to formulate the policies for the carrying
3 out of the provisions of Public Law 487 of the 79th Congress
4 of the United States and said committee shall direct the
5 "Iowa Mental Health Authority" as to the projects to be
6 undertaken under said law and the disbursement of any funds
7 made available under said law.

1 Sec. 4. The Iowa Mental Health Authority shall disburse
2 any funds in connection with mental health hygiene as contemplated

3 in this resolution under the supervision of the comptroller
4 of the state of Iowa.