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A BILL FOR

An Act to authorize boards of supervisors in any county to contribute to the support and maintenance of mental health clinics.

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

1 Section 1. The board of supervisors of each county may order
2 the establishment of a mental health clinic in such county,
3 whenever it is deemed advisable, for the purpose of providing
4 psychiatric and psychological study and treatment of persons
5 afflicted with emotional or social maladjustment or mental disease,
6 and where such facilities have already been established, they may
7 contract for such care and treatment with any existing clinic not
8 operated for pecuniary profit.

1 Sec. 2. All mental health clinics established under the
2 provisions of this chapter shall provide for either or both
3 psychiatric or psychological study, examination and treatment of
4 persons of any age afflicted with emotional or social maladjustment,
5 including all recognized categories of mental diseases for the
6 purpose of providing necessary treatment or assisting such persons,
7 their parents or guardians or any official agency having jurisdiction
8 of said persons, in arranging appropriate care and disposition.

1 Sec. 3. Services in accordance with the provisions and
2 intent of this chapter may be rendered upon order of the juvenile
3 or district court or upon application approved by the board of
4 supervisors from any individual, parent or guardian, or the county
5 welfare department, county hospital, boards of education and
6 recognized social and child placing agencies, both public and
7 private.

1 Sec. 4. Upon establishment of a clinic under the provision
2 of this chapter, the board of supervisors shall appropriate each
3 year from the county court fund an amount sufficient to reimburse
4 such clinic for all services which are utilized by the juvenile
5 or district court.

1 Sec. 5. Nothing contained in this chapter shall authorize
2 institutional care of any person so treated at expense to county.

1 Sec. 6. The board of supervisors may, at its discretion, and
2 in the interest of efficiency and economy in the establishment of
3 mental health clinics enter into an agreement with the board of
4 any adjoining counties for the mutual establishment and support of
5 a mental health clinic. The cost of establishing and maintaining
6 such clinic shall be divided between the counties upon an equitable
7 basis to be mutually agreed upon by the boards of the contracting
8 counties.

1 Sec. 7. The board of supervisors shall have jurisdiction, on
2 reasonable notice to any individual or the parents or guardian of
3 any person treated under the provisions of this chapter, to inquire
4 into the ability of said individual, parents or guardian to pay for

5 such services rendered and to enforce the collection of said
6 amount.

1 Sec. 8. The board of supervisors is hereby empowered to
2 compromise any and all liabilities to the county covered by this
3 chapter when such compromise is deemed to be for the best interests
4 of the county.

1 Sec. 9. Any mental health clinic established or supported
2 under the provisions of this chapter is hereby authorized to receive
3 such federal funds as may be made available for carrying out any of
4 the activities or functions of the clinic.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 570

Under the present law, boards of supervisors are not authorized to appropriate any funds for health clinics for the diagnosis or treatment of mental cases.

This bill provides for and authorizes boards of supervisors to appropriate funds for such purpose.