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

1 Sec. 2. All mental health clinics established under
2 the provisions of this chapter shall provide for either
3 or both psychiatric and psychological study, examination
4 and treatment of persons of any age afflicted with
5 emotional or social maladjustment, including all recognized
6 categories of mental diseases for the purpose of providing

7 necessary treatment or assisting such persons, their
8 parents or guardians, or any official agency having
9 jurisdiction of said persons, in arranging appropriate
10 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
3 Juvenile or District Court or upon application approved
4 by the board of supervisors from any individual, parent
5 or guardian, or the county welfare department, county
6 hospital, boards of education and recognized social and
7 child placing agencies, both public and private.

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

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

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

8 equitable basis to be mutually agreed upon by the boards
9 of the contracting counties.

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

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

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