

Sec. 5. This act is effective the day following final enactment.

Approved June 2, 1975.

CHAPTER 293—S.F.No.1415

[Coded]

An act relating to public welfare; authorizing an experimental program for the cost of home care of mentally retarded children; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 252.27, by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, Section 252.27, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. PUBLIC WELFARE; MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN; COST OF HOME CARE. In order to determine the effectiveness of the family unit in providing alternate living arrangements and providing or arranging for the training and developmental opportunities provided in a state hospital or a licensed community residential facility, the commissioner of public welfare may establish an experimental program to subsidize selected families who agree to carry out a planned program of home care and training for their minor dependents who are mentally retarded.

This program shall be limited to children who otherwise would require and be eligible for placement in state hospitals or licensed community residential facilities.

Grants to families shall be determined by the commissioner of public welfare. In determining the grants, the commissioner shall consider the cost of diagnostic assessments, homemaker services, training expenses including specialized equipment, visiting nurses' or other pertinent therapists' costs, preschool program costs, related transportation expenses, and parental relief or child care costs not to exceed \$250 per month per family.

An individual care and training plan for the child shall be established and agreed upon by the parents receiving the subsidy and the appropriate local welfare agency. Periods of parental relief, including vacations, may be included in the plan and do not require the approval of the local welfare agency. The plan shall be periodically evaluated to determine the progress of the child.

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