

Subd. 14. **Blind persons, training of workers for rehabilitation of blind.** From funds provided by the state or the United States for the rehabilitation of blind persons, the commissioner of public welfare may make provision for:

(1) Specialized supplementary training of professional workers employed by services for the blind, which shall consist of selected courses of study designed to improve worker techniques in providing assistance with adjustment to blindness, guidance, training and vocational placement services to blind children and adults;

(2) The employment of student trainees enrolled in graduate school programs. Such trainees to be employed on a one-third time basis during the regular school term and on a full time basis during the extra school term. Student trainees shall not be counted against the regular staff complement and shall not exceed ~~four~~ *eight* in number employed concurrently.

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CHAPTER 904—S. F. No. 423

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*An act relating to the counties of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin; authorizing the establishment of a pilot program of group homes for the mentally ill, mentally retarded, and juvenile delinquents; appropriating money therefor.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. [245.691] **Lakeland area program board; community mental health program.** Subdivision 1. In order to better ascertain the effectiveness of caring for the mentally ill, mentally retarded, and juvenile delinquents in a small home-personalized environment as opposed to institutional care, the counties of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin may, as a pilot program, establish not more than ten group homes, nor more than two of which shall be located in any one of the above enumerated counties, for the care and rehabilitation of the mentally ill, mentally retarded, and juvenile delinquents.

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Subd. 2. The homes authorized under this section shall be subject to the provisions of the Community Mental Health Act (Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 245.61 to 245.69), and the provisions of this section.

Subd. 3. Not more than ten patients shall be cared for in any group home established under this section. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Sections 144.50 to 144.58, are not applicable to group homes established by this section.

Subd. 4. The Lakeland Area Program Board established by the counties enumerated in Subdivision 1 of this section under Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 245.66, is designated as the regional agency to receive grants for the purposes of this section from the commissioner of public welfare, subject to the limitations of Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 245.65. No grants may be made under this section for the costs of construction or remodeling of any building. The commissioner of public welfare is authorized to make reasonable rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

Subd. 5. The commissioner of public welfare may permit personnel of the Fergus Falls State Hospital to assist in developing and carrying out the programs authorized by this section.

Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$75,000 for the commissioner of public welfare to be expended for the purposes of this act. Sums appropriated under this section shall be in addition to the regular appropriation for the purposes of the Community Mental Health Act.

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#### CHAPTER 905—S. F. No. 506

*An act relating to daytime activity centers for the mentally retarded; providing for state grants-in-aid to assist local communities and non-profit corporations in establishing and operating such centers; authorizing an additional mill levy in Ramsey county; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 252.24, Subdivision 4.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

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