

determined benefits" for the purpose of further adjustments pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 11.25.

Sec. 7. Each retirement fund providing benefits or annuities to which the increases in this act apply may delay paying the increases until no later than the first monthly payment after October 15, 1976, but the first such payment shall include retroactivity to July 1, 1976. Provided however, that with respect to any plan participant who is less than 70 years of age and is receiving a permanent disability benefit or retirement annuity from the St. Paul teachers retirement fund, the increase in such benefit or annuity pursuant to this act shall commence when the plan participant attains the age of 70 years and shall not include retroactivity.

Sec. 8. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, Section 356.18, increases in payments pursuant to this act shall be made automatically unless the intended recipient files written notice with the appropriate retirement fund requesting that the increase not be made.

Sec. 9. This act is effective July 1, 1976.

Approved April 20, 1976.

CHAPTER 327—S.F.No.2032

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to public welfare; establishing pilot programs for community mental health treatment; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 245, by adding a section.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 245, is amended by adding a section to read:

[245.72] DAKOTA, WASHINGTON AND RAMSEY COUNTIES; MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT; COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. The counties of Dakota, Washington, and Ramsey may individually or jointly establish pilot programs to provide nonresidential community based services of individualized treatment and rehabilitation to mentally ill persons residing in those counties. The pilot programs shall emphasize teaching basic skills to persons who would otherwise be hospitalized or who are unable to use currently available aftercare services, and shall be designed to enable those persons to live independently in the community without further hospitalization.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public welfare the sum of \$350,000 solely for the purposes

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of this act. This appropriation shall not lapse but shall remain available until expended. The commissioner of public welfare shall monitor and evaluate each pilot program funded under this act and shall report his findings to the appropriate standing committees of both houses of the legislature by March 15, 1977.

Sec. 3. This act shall be effective the day following final enactment.

Approved April 20, 1976.

CHAPTER 328—S.F.No.2082

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to taxation; providing for payments from the taconite municipal aid account to certain cities and towns; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 298.282, Subdivision 2, and by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 298.282, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **TAXATION; TACONITE MUNICIPAL AID ACCOUNT; PAYMENTS.** Each year commencing in ~~1972-1977~~, and the following final determination of the amount of taxes payable under section 298.241, the commissioner of revenue shall determine the amount in the taconite municipal aid account as of July 1 of such year and the amount to be distributed to each qualifying municipality during such year. The amount to be distributed to each qualifying municipality shall be determined by dividing the total amount in said account, after a reduction equal to the amount of the distribution in subdivision 5, as of July 1 by the total population according to the latest federal census of all qualifying municipalities to determine the per capita distributive share for such year and by multiplying the per capita distributive share by the population of such municipality. Upon completion of such determination, the commissioner of revenue shall certify to the chief clerical officer of each qualifying municipality the amount which will be distributed to such municipality from the taconite municipal aid account that year.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 298.282, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. Commencing in 1977, the commissioner of revenue shall annually on September 15 make a payment from the taconite municipal aid fund to cities and towns for the purpose of replacing the revenue loss to them resulting from Laws 1975, Chapter 437, Article XI,

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