

Chap. 874. AN ACT REQUIRING CITIES AND TOWNS TO PAY THE COST OF TRANSPORTING RETARDED CHILDREN OF PRESCHOOL AGE TO CLINICAL SCHOOLS AND DAY CARE CENTERS CONDUCTED BY ACCREDITED COLLEGES OR SCHOOLS, AND OF TRANSPORTING CHILDREN TO CERTAIN FACILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND PROVIDING THAT THE STATE REIMBURSE CITIES AND TOWNS FOR ONE HALF OF THE COST.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is, in part, to provide forthwith that cities and towns reimburse parents for the cost of transporting certain retarded children to certain clinical schools and day care centers conducted by accredited colleges or schools and that the commonwealth reimburse such cities and towns for one half such cost, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 29B of chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence, added by section 2 of chapter 501 of the acts of 1966, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The department shall reimburse a city or town in which resides a child who attends a clinical nursery school established under section thirteen B of chapter one hundred and twenty-three or a child who, because of insufficient class room space in a community clinical nursery school, attends a clinical nursery school, day care center or other institution for the care, education, or treatment of retarded children conducted by an accredited school or college within the commonwealth, as provided in said section thirteen B, or a child who attends an educational facility of the department of mental health, as provided under section thirteen C of said chapter one hundred and twenty-three, by paying to it one half the cost of the transportation of such child to and from such nursery school, day care center or educational facility, as the case may be, on each day it is in session.

SECTION 2. Section 13B of chapter 123 of the General Laws, added by section 1 of said chapter 501 of the acts of 1966, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph: —

If there is not sufficient class room space in a community clinical nursery school for retarded children established under this section, and a child has been determined to be eligible by the department and is admitted to and attends a clinical nursery school, day care center, or other institution for the care, education, or treatment of retarded children conducted by an accredited school or college within the commonwealth, the department shall, if it approves the program in such facility, notify the school department of the city or town in which such child resides and the said school department shall reimburse the parents of such child for the cost of transporting such child to and from such clinical nursery school, day care center, or other institution for the care, education, or treatment of retarded children on such days as it is in session. Said school department shall be reimbursed for one half such costs as provided in section twenty-nine B of chapter sixty-nine.

SECTION 3. Said chapter 123 is hereby further amended by inserting after said section 13B the following section: —

Section 13C. Whenever a child qualifies for attendance at an educational facility of the department of mental health, the department shall notify the school department of the city or town in which the child resides of his admission thereto. Following such notification, the school department shall pay the cost of transporting the child to and from such facility on such days as it is in session, and said school department shall be reimbursed as provided in section twenty-nine B of chapter sixty-nine.

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Chap. 875. AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTAIN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND FOR REGIONAL ADMINISTRATORS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS UNDER THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND RETARDATION SERVICES PROGRAM.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is, in part, to implement the community mental health and retardation services program by the recruiting and employment of the best qualified professional personnel available, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 19 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 735 of the acts of 1966, is hereby amended by adding after the word "Psychology", in line 10, the words: —, or shall have a doctorate in sociology, social relations, social welfare, education, social anthropology, rehabilitation, public health, or an equivalent doctorate in the behavioral sciences.

SECTION 2. Section 5 of said chapter 19, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Incorporated", in line 12, the words: —, or shall have a doctorate in sociology, social relations, social welfare, education, social anthropology, rehabilitation, public health, or an equivalent doctorate in the behavioral sciences.

SECTION 3. Section 6 of said chapter 19, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "psychology", in line 16, the words: —, or shall have a doctorate in sociology, social relations, social welfare, education, social anthropology, rehabilitation, public health, or an equivalent doctorate in the behavioral sciences.

SECTION 4. Section 8 of said chapter 19, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "Incorporated", in line 12, the words: —, or shall have a doctorate in sociology, social relations, psychology, social welfare, education, social anthropology, rehabilitation, public health, or an equivalent doctorate in the behavioral sciences.

SECTION 5. The first paragraph of section 19 of said chapter 19, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "welfare", in line 16, the words: —, sociology, social relations, education, social anthropology, rehabilitation, public health, or an equivalent doctorate in the behavioral sciences.

SECTION 6. The second paragraph of said section 19 of said chapter 19, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "welfare", in line 14, the words: —, sociology, social relations, educa-