

Chap. 720. AN ACT REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PREPARE A PLAN OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW REQUIRING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN REQUIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The secretary of the executive office of educational affairs and the secretary of the executive office of human services on or before August first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four, shall file with the state secretary a plan specifying in detail the progress towards implementation of each section of chapter seven hundred and sixty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-two, including the administration and coordination responsibilities of the division of special education, the department of mental health, the department of public welfare, the department of youth services, the office for children, the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, the department of public health, and the commission for the blind. The plan shall in addition include the specific number of personnel from each of these departments in each city and town who are responsible for implementation and a definition of their roles.

Said plans shall present a specific estimate of the number of children and the average cost of each of the eleven programs defined in said chapter seven hundred and sixty-six for each city and town. It shall include an itemized estimate of the cost of:

- (1) A complete core evaluation.
- (2) A partial core evaluation.
- (3) The services which may be contracted to private, state or federal agencies.

The plan shall include the specific estimate of funding available to each town and city and the commonwealth, from federal programs.

In addition, it shall indicate all monies which will be available to the cities and towns for the planning, training and development required in said chapter seven hundred and sixty-six, and shall designate the positions and persons necessary for implementation.

It shall present a timetable and a mechanism for implementation, recognizing the crucial aspect of providing services to these children before they have become adults.

The school committee of each city and town shall keep records of all educational and noneducational services during the first three months of the implementation of said chapter seven hundred and sixty-six, September first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four to December first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four. They shall file a report of these costs with the secretary of the executive office of educational affairs and the secretary of the executive office of human services on or before December fifteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

On the basis of that cost data the secretary of the executive office of educational affairs and the secretary of the executive office of human

services shall file a report with the general court on or before January fifteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy-five, estimating the costs of these expenditures on a yearly basis.

Approved August 5, 1974.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133
August 7, 1974

The Honorable John F. X. Davoren
Secretary of the Commonwealth
State House
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I, Francis W. Sargent, pursuant to the provisions of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the Referendum II, Emergency Measures, hereby declare in my opinion the immediate preservation of the public convenience requires that the law being Chapter 720 of the Acts of 1974, entitled "AN ACT REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS AND THE SECRETARY OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES TO PREPARE A PLAN OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAW REQUIRING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN REQUIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION." and the enactment of which received my approval on August 5, 1974, should take effect forthwith.

I further declare that in my opinion said law is an emergency law and the facts constituting the emergency are as follows:

It is in the public interest that the provisions of this Act be effective immediately in order that the required planning and reporting processes may proceed without undue delay, thereby facilitating compliance with the January 15, 1975 date for reporting to the General Court.

Sincerely,

FRANCIS W. SARGENT,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, Boston, August 7, 1974.

I, John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, hereby certify that the accompanying statement was filed in this office by His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at four o'clock and fifty-eight minutes, P.M., on the above date, and in accordance with Article Forty-eight of the Amendments to the Constitution said chapter takes effect forthwith, being chapter seven hundred and twenty of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

JOHN F. X. DAVOREN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.