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or merger authorized by clause (1) or to a consolidation or merger under subsection B.

Approved October 15, 1982.

Chap. 419. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR TOURIST PROMOTION AGENCIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The second paragraph of section 14 of chapter 23A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 1038 of the acts of 1973, the word "Norfolk" and inserting in place thereof the words:- the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, Norfolk.

Approved October 15, 1982.

Chap. 420. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LOCATION AND NUMBER OF WELFARE OFFICES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 266 of the acts of 1980, is hereby further amended by striking out the fourth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

The community service areas shall be of sufficient number to be readily accessible to the people throughout the commonwealth, taking into consideration such factors as geographic boundaries, roads and other means of transportation, including public transportation, population concentration, city, town, and county lines, other relevant community services, and community economic and social relations. The commissioner shall establish branch offices, office hours, or outreach arrangements for applicants and recipients who do not have reasonable access to the office responsible for their cases. The time and place of office hours or outreach arrangements, if any, shall be published and otherwise made available to the public to facilitate visits by the public. The number and location of such community service areas and branches shall be determined by the commissioner, subject to approval by the house and senate committees on ways and means.

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SECTION 2. The third paragraph of section 6 of said chapter 18, as most recently amended by section 6 of chapter 752 of the acts of 1974, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The function of the board shall be to approve or disapprove all appointments of the commissioner to the community service area boards, as provided in section seven, give advice and make recommendations to the commissioner on matters affecting the department or welfare programs or needs generally.

Approved October 15, 1982.

EMERGENCY LETTER - October 18, 1982 @ 10:32 A.M.

Chap. 421. AN ACT REMOVING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS UPON THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARNSTABLE COUNTY IN CONTRACTING WITH THE CAPE COD FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICE, INC.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 2 of chapter 169 of the acts of 1978 is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence.

Approved October 15, 1982.

Chap. 422. AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME LIMITS FOR MAKING ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE TO MAKE CERTAIN REPORTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as followed:

SECTION 1. Subsection (B) of section 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 6 of chapter 552 of the acts of 1978, is hereby further amended by adding the following clause:-

(h) make quarterly reports, based upon statistical sampling methods, to the house and senate committees on ways and means, on (1) the number of public assistance applications processed within thirty days and for aid under chapters one hundred and eighteen and one hundred and eighteen E and within twenty-two