

HOUSE No. 6075

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 5, 1973.

The committee on Social Welfare to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4797) of Alexander Lolas that the Department of Mental Health be directed to contract with private organizations for the implementation of certain services, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6075) ought to pass.

For the committee,

ALEXANDER LOLAS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT INSTRUCTING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO CONTRACT FOR CERTAIN SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1 of Chapter 19 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 section 1 of Chapter 735 of the acts of 1966, is hereby amended
3 by adding the following paragraphs:

4 The department may contract or enter into any lease agree-
5 ment with any private corporation, licensed hospital, or govern-
6 ment agency for the purpose of providing programs and services
7 to the mentally ill and mentally retarded whether in facilities
8 owned by the Commonwealth or in other facilities. Such con-
9 tracts or lease agreements may include provision for payment for
10 professional and other services and for use of equipment and
11 other facilities and may be made subject to renegotiation to
12 assure that payment will be made by the Commonwealth only
13 for services, use of equipment and other facilities actually ren-
14 dered or utilized. All such contracts and lease agreements shall be
15 approved as to form and legal authority by the Attorney General.
16 All contracts made under this provision for periods beyond one
17 year shall be made specifically subject to appropriation in subse-
18 quent years.

19 Services and programs which may be contracted for shall in-
20 clude but not be limited to the following: Prevention services;
21 diagnosis and evaluation; medical services; educational and social
22 development services; personal care services and self help train-
23 ing; rehabilitation services such as, counselling, pre-vocational
24 and vocational training; social services; psychological services;
25 placement services; followup services; recreation services and
26 other leisure time activities; consultation; referral services; public
27 information; research and program evaluation; training programs
28 for community and facility staff; day programs; short-term resi-
29 dential services; and development, utilization and coordination of
30 community services.

31 Any employee of the department of mental health who held a
32 position classified under chapter thirty-one of the General Laws
33 or had tenure in his position by reason of sections nine A, nine B,
34 or nine D of chapter thirty of the General Laws may be trans-
35 ferred to the service of another department to fulfill the require-
36 ments of this section. Such employee shall be transferred without
37 impairment of civil service status, seniority, retirement and other
38 rights and without interruption of his service within the meaning
39 of said chapter thirty-one or sections nine A, nine B or nine D of
40 said chapter thirty and without reduction in his compensation
41 and salary grade, notwithstanding any change in his title or duties
42 made as a result of such transfer.

43 Any contracts or leases entered into as provided above shall be
44 paid at rates established by the rate setting commission under
45 sections thirty K to thirty P, inclusive of chapter seven. The
46 department shall promulgate rules and regulations governing this
47 section.

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