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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, MAY 23, 1995

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AN ACT

1 Making an additional appropriation to the Department of Public  
2 Welfare for use in county mental health/mental retardation  
3 programs to provide family-oriented intervention services for  
4 children with disabilities.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The sum of \$350,000, or as much thereof as may be  
8 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of Public  
9 Welfare for the fiscal year July 1, 1994, to June 30, 1995, for  
10 use in county mental health/mental retardation programs to  
11 provide a diverse array of family-oriented intervention services  
12 serving children from birth through 21 years of age, in order to  
13 foster the integration of children with disabilities into the  
14 mainstream of life. The services shall include therapeutic  
15 activities such as play therapy for families with disabled  
16 children, loan library of play materials, therapeutic and  
17 adaptive computer equipment and software, parent support and  
18 advocacy groups, workshops, recreation and social functions,

1 lectures and school integration programs.

2 Section 2. The appropriation in section 1 shall be in  
3 addition to any sums appropriated for such purposes by the act  
4 of June 16, 1994 (P.L. , No.6A), known as the General  
5 Appropriation Act of 1994.

6 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.