

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 1904 Session of  
1977

INTRODUCED BY DiCARLO, NOVEMBER 22, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, NOVEMBER 22, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96,  
2 No.6), entitled "An act relating to mental health and mental  
3 retardation; authorizing county programs and amending,  
4 revising and changing the laws relating thereto and making an  
5 appropriation," providing for the Advisory Committee on  
6 Mental Health and the Advisory Committee on Mental  
7 Retardation.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Clauses (2) and (3) of section 201, act of  
11 October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the  
12 "Mental Health and Mental Retardation Act of 1966," are amended  
13 to read:

14 Section 201. General Powers and Duties of the Department.--  
15 The department shall have power, and its duty shall be:

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17 (2) To make, with the advice of the Advisory Committee for  
18 Mental Health and the Advisory Committee for Mental Retardation  
19 and enforce all regulations necessary and appropriate to the  
20 proper accomplishment of the mental health and mental  
21 retardation duties and functions imposed by this act. Such

1 regulations shall not become effective until the department  
2 shall have given the local authorities thirty days written  
3 notice of the proposed regulations and afforded the local  
4 authorities the opportunity for a hearing before the department  
5 on the proposed regulations.

6 (3) To consult with and assist each county in carrying out  
7 mental health and mental retardation duties and functions and  
8 where necessary after thirty days written notice to the counties  
9 affected and an opportunity for such counties for a hearing  
10 before the department and with the advice of the Advisory  
11 Committee for Mental Health and the Advisory Committee for  
12 Mental Retardation to require two or more counties to join in  
13 establishing a program to provide the services required by this  
14 act.

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16 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.