

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL 12, 1989

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 telephone numbers available for
6 receipt of calls 24 hours every day for the reporting of
7 mental health problems.

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

10 Section 1. Section 301(d) of the act of October 20, 1966
11 (3rd Sp.Sess., P.L.96, No.6), known as the Mental Health and
12 Mental Retardation Act of 1966, is amended by adding a clause to
13 read:

14 Section 301. General Powers and Duties of Local Authorities;
15 Mental Health and Mental Retardation Program and Services.--* *

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17 (d) Subject to the provisions of sections 508 and 509(5) it
18 shall be the duty of local authorities in cooperation with the
19 department to insure that the following mental health and mental

1 retardation services are available:

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3 (10) Provide for and publicize a telephone number available
4 for receipt of calls twenty-four hours every day for individuals
5 to report mental health problems.

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7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.