

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 2262 Session of  
1982

INTRODUCED BY TADDONIO, McVERRY, MARMION, POTT, ITKIN AND  
MILLER, FEBRUARY 23, 1982

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 23, 1982

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 purpose of the act.

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

8 Section 1. The act of October 20, 1966 (3rd Sp.Sess.,  
9 P.L.96, No.6), known as the "Mental Health and Mental  
10 Retardation Act of 1966," is amended by adding a section to  
11 read:

12 Section 103. General Policy.--(a) The purpose of this act  
13 is to establish the structure of the publicly funded mental  
14 health and mental retardation services delivery system in this  
15 Commonwealth, and to set forth the responsibilities of the  
16 Commonwealth with respect to that system.

17 (b) It is the purpose of this act to make services available  
18 for persons who may exhibit symptoms of mental retardation but  
19 who may have a primary diagnosis such as cerebral palsy,

- 1 epilepsy, autism, or other similar developmental disabilities
- 2 with services appropriate to that particular disability.
- 3     Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.