

HEALTH, WELFARE AND STATE INSTITUTIONS

Minutes of Meeting - February 28, 1975

The ninth meeting of the Health, Welfare and State Institutions committee was held on February 28, 1975 at 12:00 p.m., Room 323.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Lee E. Walker
Senator Neal
Senator Gojack
Senator Herr
Senator Schofield
Senator Young

See Exhibit A for others present.

S.B. 98 - Clarifies rights of handicapped persons.

Maynard Yasmer, Nevada Rehabilitation, stated that this is their bill. Furthermore, they support the amendments proposed by the Developmental Disabilities Council which would change the language from "physical or visual handicap" to simply "handicap". Senator Young asked Mrs. Rose to contact the national organization for the handicapped in Indiana to determine what states may have done something comparable to what this bill proposes. Mrs. Rose will also furnish a definition of "handicap".

Father Larry Dunphy, Franciscan Center, stated that this is a very important issue which would insure justice for an important segment of our people.

Bill Hammer, Churchill County, stated that they endorse this bill and will work together with Mrs. Rose in being more specific in the language.

The members agreed to reschedule this bill for a later date in order to obtain more information.

S.B. 95 - Senator Walker advised the members that Senator Lamb questioned this bill, in that he felt the advisory boards should meet more often. Senator Herr commented that she was not present when this bill was passed out of committee, but would have voted against it since she feels that the advisory boards are very beneficial. Senator Young feels that we should ascertain what the other youth services program is doing so that a duplication of efforts will not result.

A.B. 134 - Requires administrator of rehabilitation division of department of human resources to prepare consolidated state plan for certain programs.

Mr. Lloyd Mack, State Rehabilitation, stated that this bill is an administrative clean-up bill, which would allow the administrator of Rehab to consolidate various State plans and certain programs.

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administered by the Division. Specifically, there is an immediate need to consolidate the State plans of the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Bureau of Services to the Blind. Since both programs are governed under the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and since both State plans require basically the same information, it would be more efficient to prepare and submit one unified State plan for both programs.

Senator Young moved "Do Pass"; seconded by Senator Schofield; unanimously carried.

A.B. 135 - Requires chief of each bureau of rehabilitation division of department of human resources to be directly responsible to administrator of division.

Mr. Lloyd Mack spoke in favor of this bill, stating that this is also an administrative clean-up bill. The administrator of Rehab Division is responsible for the administration of all provisions of law relating to the functions of the Division and its bureaus. The existing law is inconsistent in that regard, in that only one of the three bureau's chiefs is directly responsible to the Administrator of Rehab. Also, all of the bureau chiefs have the power to appoint personnel to their bureau without the approval of the Administrator.

Senator Neal moved "Do Pass"; seconded by Senator Young; unanimously carried.

A.B. 144 - Authorizes health division to investigate resources of tubercular patients to determine ability to share costs of public medical and hospital care.

Dr. William Edwards, State Health Division, spoke in favor of the bill. They are entirely funded by State funds and receive no federal money; the funds are limited and therefore they must make sure how much can be recaptured. Senator Young feels that the language contained in this bill should be more definite.

The members agreed to reschedule this bill for a later date in order to obtain amended language.

A.B. 109 - Provides for provisional and special licenses for foster homes.

Mr. Bill LaBadie, State Welfare, spoke in favor of this bill and stated that they have been doing this for years. They have introduced this bill at the request of the Legislative Counsel Bureau as a result of their last audit. If they feel that the child

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will benefit from being in the home although they may not meet some certain requirements such as space requirements of the home or if someone is elderly, they will then issue a special license.

Senator Young moved "Do Pass" with amendment on page 2, line 11 to read "No foster children other than those specified on the"; seconded by Senator Gojack; unanimously carried.

A.B. 113 - Requires authorization from health division before services may be provided for crippled children.

Mr. Mark Herman, Division of Health, spoke in favor of the bill and furnished the committee members with a list of justifications for prior authorization (see Exhibit B). Senator Young referred to page 1, line 13 of the bill and felt that, in being more considerate, this should be changed to read "...provider of services within 72 hours following the time....".

Senator Herr moved "Do Pass" as amended; seconded by Senator Young, Senator Neal voted "No"; motion carried.


Being no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon W. Maher, Secretary

APPROVED:



Lee E. Walker, Chairman

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RE: AB 113

Justification for prior authorization

1. As a budgetary control of expenditures and encumbrances.
2. To investigate possibility of family sharing for payment of bills.
3. To have time to verify eligibility of condition requested for treatment.
4. To check status of chart for its current position, insurance coverage and financial status.
5. To check connections with other agencies such as S.A.M.I.
6. Would alleviate problem of billings from vendors we do not include in our payment scheme.
7. There would be prior advisement to vendors of the limitations of payment for some specific conditions which are covered.