1998 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB4001 (Introduced)

Grants to Localities

Item 347	First Year - FY1999	Second Year - FY2000
Financial Assistance for Health Services (44500)	**$175,481,680**	**$172,671,345**
Substance Abuse Services (44501)	$70,141,962	$70,066,962
Local Administration Services (44503)	$8,179,015	$8,179,015
Mental Health Services (44506)	$65,902,894	$66,131,665
Mental Retardation Services (44507)	$31,257,809	$28,293,703
Fund Sources:		
General	$122,511,257	$119,700,922
Special	$1,640,976	$1,640,976
Federal Trust	$51,329,447	$51,329,447

Authority: Title 37.1, Chapter 10, Code of Virginia.

A. It is the intent of the General Assembly that community mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services are to be improved throughout the state. Funds provided in this item shall not be used to supplant the funding effort provided by localities for services existing as of June 30, 1996.

B. Further, it is the intent of the General Assembly that funds appropriated for this item may be used by Community Services Boards to purchase, develop, lease, or otherwise obtain, in accordance with § 37.1-197, Code of Virginia, real property necessary to the provision of residential services funded by this item.

C. Out of the appropriation for this item, funds are provided to Community Services Boards in an amount sufficient to reimburse the Virginia Housing Development Authority for principal and interest payments on residential projects for the mentally disabled financed by the Housing Authority.

D. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall make payments to the Community Services Boards from this item in twenty-four equal semimonthly installments, except for necessary budget revisions or the operational phase-in of new programs.

E. Failure of a board to participate in Medicaid covered services and to meet all requirements for provider participation shall result in the termination of a like amount of state grant support.

F. Community Services Boards may establish a line of credit loan for up to three months' operating expenses to assure adequate cash flow.

G. Out of the appropriation for this item, $75,000 the first year from the general fund shall be provided to the Hope Center for Women.

H.1. Out of the appropriation for this item, $143,500 the first year and $143,500 the second year from the general fund shall be provided to continue the Keeping Our Kids At Home program in the Roanoke Valley, to contract with community providers for short-term crisis hospitalization of children and adolescents.

2. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall conduct an assessment of the Keeping Our Kids At Home program to determine the impact of the program in reducing community and institutional costs of care. The assessment shall also examine the feasibility, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness of expanding the program statewide. The Department shall report on its assessment to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by October 1, 1999.

I. Out of the appropriation for this item, the Department shall initiate statewide Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) to provide services to adults with serious mental illnesses in the community, in order to reduce hospitalizations.

J. Out of the appropriation for this item, $750,000 the first year and $750,000 the second year from the general fund shall be used to develop pilot projects in areas that have high concentrations of adult care residences. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, in cooperation with the Department of Social Services, shall design the projects to identify and provide the appropriate treatment and supports for persons with mental illness, mental retardation, or substance abuse problems who reside in adult care residences. The Department shall ensure that the pilot projects are designed to provide a variety of service models, including the provision of services within the community and within the adult care residence. The Department shall evaluate the implementation of the pilot projects and measure project outcomes. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall submit a report on the pilot projects to the Chairmen of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees by December 1, 1999.

K. Out of this appropriation $150,000 in the first year and $150,000 in the second year is provided to Grafton School for the continued operation and expansion of the Virginia Autism Resource Center.

L. The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services shall conduct a study of methods to increase the number of service providers in Virginia's Part H early intervention system from underserved groups, including minority, low-income, and rural families. The Department shall consider a variety of recruitment and retention strategies including, but not limited to, the use of scholarship incentives, training opportunities, minority recruitment, and other strategies developed by the Task Force for Virginia's Part H early intervention system. In undertaking this study, the Department shall establish a task force comprised of representatives from underserved groups, colleges and universities, service agencies and providers, families, and the Joint Subcommittee Studying Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities, to develop strategies for ongoing pre-service and in-service training, recruitment, and retention of early intervention personnel from underserved groups.