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A Bill to Encourage the Establishment of Preventive Social Service Programs

HON. MR. HALMRAST

Explanatory Note

- 1. The purpose of this Bill is to encourage municipalities to sponsor programs aimed at preventing the development of circumstances resulting in people becoming in need of help under The Public Welfare Act and The Child Welfare Act.
 - 2. Minister defined.
- **3.** Municipalities are authorized to provide preventive social services.

 ${f 4.}$ Cost sharing by Province when preventive program established.

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(Assented to

,1966)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

- 1. This Act may be cited as "The Preventive Social Services Act".
- 2. In this Act "Minister" means the Minister of Public Welfare.
 - 3. A municipality
 - (a) may provide for the establishment, administration and operation of preventive social service programs within the municipality,
 - (b) may enter into agreements with other municipalities to provide for the establishment, administration and operation of joint preventive social service programs, and
 - (c) may appropriate money for the establishment, administration and operations of preventive social service programs.
- 4. Where a municipality provides for the establishment and operation of preventive social service programs of a nature and in a manner satisfactory to the Minister, the Minister may pay to the municipality
 - (a) a grant not exceeding eighty per cent of the municipal expenses in connection with the administration of material aid given by the municipality under Part I of The Public Welfare Act, and
 - (b) a grant not exceeding eighty per cent of the municipal expenses in connection with the administration of preventive social service programs, and
 - (c) a grant not exceeding eighty per cent of the amount paid out by the municipality for the establishment and operation of preventive social service programs.

5. Powers of Minister in connection with municipal preventive programs.

6. Funds for payment of grants.

7. Commencement of Act.

5. The Minister may

- (a) determine what constitutes a preventive social service program for the purposes of this Act.
- (b) determine what items are or are not to be considered expenses of administration for the purposes of section 4, the manner of calculating such expenses and the extent to which grants will be paid in respect of such expenses in any particular case,
- (c) enter into such agreements with municipalities as he considers desirable with respect to the establishment and operation of preventive social service programs,
- (d) prescribe standards of qualification for and standards and methods of work to be maintained and adopted by municipal welfare workers and preventive social service workers as a condition of the Province paying part of municipal expenses pursuant to section 4, and
- (e) make regulations respecting the establishment, administration and operation of preventive social service programs, governing applications for grants under this Act and respecting any other matter necessary to carry out the intent of this Act.
- **6.** The moneys payable to a municipality pursuant to this Act shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose.
- 7. This Act comes into force on the first day of July, 1966.

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