

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Chapter 144, is amended by adding a section to read:

**[144.8091] AMBULANCE SERVICE; VOLUNTEER ATTENDANTS; REIMBURSEMENT TO NONPROFIT AMBULANCE SERVICES.** Subdivision 1. Any political subdivision, or nonprofit hospital or nonprofit corporation operating a licensed ambulance service shall be reimbursed by the state board of health for the necessary expense of the initial training of a volunteer ambulance attendant upon successful completion by the attendant of an emergency care course which has been approved by the state board of health, pursuant to section 144.804. Reimbursable expense may include tuition, transportation, food, lodging, hourly payment for time spent in the training course, and other necessary expenditures, except that in no instance shall a volunteer ambulance attendant be reimbursed more than \$210.

Subd. 2. For purposes of this section, "volunteer ambulance attendant" means a person who provides emergency medical services for a licensed ambulance service without the expectation of remuneration and who does not depend in any way upon the provision of these services for the person's livelihood. An individual may be considered a volunteer ambulance attendant even though that individual receives an hourly stipend for each hour of actual service provision, except for hours on standby alert, even though this hourly stipend is regarded as taxable income for purposes of state or federal law, provided that this hourly stipend does not exceed \$500 in the year in which the individual received his training.

Subd. 3. Reimbursements authorized by subdivision 1 shall only be paid for volunteer ambulance attendants commencing and completing training after July 1, 1977.

**Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION.** For purposes of this act there is appropriated from the general fund to the state board of health \$225,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 1979.

Approved June 2, 1977.

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CHAPTER 428—S.F.No.124

[Coded in Part]

*An act relating to women; establishing pilot programs to provide emergency shelter and support services to battered women; providing funds to establish community education programs about battered women; providing for data collection; authorizing counseling and training services for displaced homemakers; waiving certain general assistance eligibility requirements for battered women and displaced homemakers; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256D.05, by adding a subdivision.*

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Section 1. **[241.61] BATTERED WOMEN; EMERGENCY SERVICES; DEFINITIONS.** Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 1 to 6, the following terms have the meanings given.

Subd. 2. "Battered woman" means a woman who is being or has been assaulted by her spouse, other male relative, or by a male with whom she is residing or has resided in the past.

Subd. 3. "Emergency shelter services" include, but are not limited to, secure crisis shelters for battered women and housing networks for battered women.

Subd. 4. "Support services" include, but are not limited to, advocacy services, legal services, counseling services, transportation services, child care services, and 24 hour information and referral services.

Subd. 5. "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the department of corrections or his designee.

Sec. 2. **[241.62] PILOT PROGRAMS.** Subdivision 1. PROGRAMS DESIGNATED. The commissioner shall designate four pilot programs to provide emergency shelter services and support services to battered women and shall award grants to the pilot programs. Two pilot programs shall be designated in the metropolitan area, composed of Hennepin, Ramsey, Anoka, Dakota, Scott, Washington and Carver counties. One pilot program shall be designated in a city located outside of the metropolitan area, and one pilot program shall be designated in a location accessible to a predominately rural population.

Subd. 2. APPLICATIONS. Any public or private nonprofit agency may apply to the commissioner for designation as a pilot program to provide emergency shelter services and support services to battered women. The application shall be submitted in a form approved by the commissioner by rule, and shall include:

(a) a proposal for the provision of emergency shelter services and support services for battered women;

(b) a proposed budget;

(c) evidence of the integration of the uniform method of data collection and program evaluation established by the director pursuant to section 3 into the proposed program;

(d) evidence of the participation of the local law enforcement agencies and courts, county welfare agencies, local boards or departments of health, and other interested agencies or groups in the development of the application; and

(e) any other content the commissioner may, by rule, require.

Subd. 3. DUTIES OF GRANTEE. Every public or private nonprofit agency which

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receives a grant to provide emergency shelter services and support services to battered women shall comply with all rules of the commissioner related to the administration of the pilot programs.

Subd. 4. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS. In addition to designating four pilot programs to provide emergency shelter services and support services, the commissioner shall award grants for the development and implementation of education programs designed to promote public and professional awareness of the problems of battered women. Any public or private nonprofit agency may apply to the commissioner for an education grant. The application shall be submitted in a form approved by the commissioner by rule. Every public or private nonprofit agency which receives an education grant shall comply with all rules of the commissioner related to the administration of education programs.

**Sec. 3. [241.63] DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER.** The commissioner shall:

(a) Review applications for designation as a pilot program, and designate four pilot programs pursuant to section 2, subdivision 1;

(b) Review applications from and award grants to public or private nonprofit agencies which submit proposals to develop and implement education programs pursuant to section 2, subdivision 4;

(c) Appoint the members of the advisory task force created under section 4, and provide staff and other administrative services to the advisory task force;

(d) Appoint a project coordinator to perform the duties set forth in section 5;

(e) Design and implement a uniform method of collecting data on battered women and of evaluating the programs funded under section 2;

(f) Provide technical aid to applicants in the design and implementation of the programs funded under section 2;

(g) Promulgate all rules necessary to implement the provisions of sections 1 to 7, including emergency rules; and

(h) Report to the legislature on January 1, 1978, January 1, 1979, and November 15, 1979, on the programs funded under section 2.

**Sec. 4. [241.64] ADVISORY TASK FORCE. Subdivision 1. CREATION.** Within 60 days after the effective date of sections 1 to 6, the commissioner shall appoint a nine member advisory task force to advise him on the implementation of sections 1 to 6. The provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 15.059, Subdivision 6, shall govern the terms, compensation, and removal of members of the advisory task force.

**Subd. 2. MEMBERSHIP.** Persons appointed shall be knowledgeable in the fields of health, law enforcement, social services or the law. Five members of the advisory task

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force shall be representatives of community or governmental organizations which provide services to battered women, and four members of the advisory task force shall be public members.

Subd. 3. DUTIES. The advisory task force shall:

(a) recommend to the commissioner the names of five applicants for the position of project coordinator.

(b) advise the commissioner on the rules promulgated pursuant to section 3;

(c) review and comment on applications received by the commissioner for designation as a pilot program and applications for education grants; and

(d) advise the project coordinator in the performance of his duties in the administration and coordination of the programs funded under section 2.

Sec. 5. [241.65] PROJECT COORDINATOR. The commissioner shall appoint a project coordinator. In appointing the project coordinator the commissioner shall give due consideration to the list of applicants submitted to him by the advisory task force pursuant to section 4, subdivision 3, clause (a). The project coordinator shall administer the funds appropriated for sections 1 to 7, coordinate the programs funded under section 2, and perform other duties as the commissioner may assign to him. The project coordinator shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner in the unclassified service.

Sec. 6. [241.66] DATA COLLECTION. Subdivision 1. FORM PRESCRIBED. The commissioner shall, by rule, prescribe a uniform form and method for the collection of data on battered women. The method and form of data collection shall be designed to document the incidence of assault on women by their spouses, male relatives or other males with whom they are residing or have resided in the past. All data collected by the commissioner pursuant to this section shall be summary data within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, Section 15.162, Subdivision 9.

Subd. 2. MANDATORY DATA COLLECTION. Every hospital licensed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 144.50 to 144.58, every physician licensed to practice in this state, every public health nurse, and every local law enforcement agency shall collect data related to battered women in the form required by rule of the commissioner. The data shall be collected and transmitted to the commissioner at such times as he shall, by rule, require.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1976, Section 256D.05, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3. RESIDENTS OF SHELTER FACILITIES. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions 1 and 2, general assistance payments may be made to individuals receiving aid to families with dependent children who are residing in a secure crisis shelter, a housing network, or other shelter facility which provides shelter services to women who are being or have been assaulted by their spouses, other male relatives, or

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other males with whom they are residing or have resided in the past.

**Sec. 8. [4.40] DISPLACED WORKER PROGRAMS.** The executive director of the governor's manpower office may enter into arrangements with existing private or nonprofit organizations and agencies with experience in dealing with displaced homemakers to provide counseling and training services. The director shall assist displaced homemakers in applying for appropriate welfare programs and shall take welfare allowances received into account in setting the stipend level. Income received as a stipend under these programs shall be totally disregarded for purposes of determining eligibility for and the amount of a general assistance grant.

**Sec. 9. APPROPRIATION.** There is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner for the biennium ending June 30, 1979, the sum of \$500,000 for the purposes of sections 1 to 6. Of this sum, no more than \$50,000 may be spent for education program grants pursuant to section 2, subdivision 4 of this act. No more than 15 percent of the funds appropriated may be spent by the commissioner of corrections for purposes of administration of the program.

There is appropriated from the general fund to the executive director of the governor's manpower office the sum of \$100,000 for the purposes of section 8.

**Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 1 to 6 are effective the day following final enactment. Sections 7 and 8 are effective July 1, 1977.

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CHAPTER 429—S.F.No.181

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*An act relating to retirement; increasing the size of the boards of trustees of the public employees retirement association, Minnesota state retirement system, teachers retirement association and Minneapolis municipal employees retirement board; providing for election processes; survivor benefits for deceased legislators; making miscellaneous changes in the public employees retirement association provisions; various technical amendments to the police state aid program; pension coverage for employees of state employee labor organizations; inclusions in the unclassified employees retirement plan; employment of certain substitute teachers beyond the mandatory retirement age; establishment of a coordinated program and providing for an increased retirement formula for the St. Paul teachers retirement fund association; delaying the establishment of a coordinated program for the Minneapolis teachers retirement fund association; delaying implementation of a limitation on the average salary for retirement benefits; purchase of prior service for certain legislative employees; modifying waiver requirements for certain district court judges and supreme court judges; proportionate annuity for certain Hennepin county district court employees; purchase of prior service for certain Ramsey county sheriff's department employees; repayment of refund for certain former members of the elective state officers plan; pension coverage for the Winona police chief; amending Minnesota Statutes 1976, Sections 3A.04, Subdivisions 1 and 2, and by adding a*

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