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Grafton State School, Grafton
School for the Blind, Grand Forks
School for the Deaf, Devils Lake
State Farm, Bismarck
State Industrial School, Mandan
State Penitentiary, Bismarck
Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Dunseith

DEPARTMENTS

Radio Communications, Bismarck
State Capitol and Grounds
State Library Commission, Bismarck
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The Honorable Howard Henry
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

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Dear Representative Henry:

This office has examined the contents of two bills which you propose to introduce dealing with the charging of maintenance costs for those individuals committed to the North Dakota Industrial School and the North Dakota State Penitentiary. Our review has revealed that a number of areas within the proposed legislation could be considered for amendment in order to provide conformity and uniformity with other state institutions and departments operating similar programs, we offer these suggestions purely from an administrative standpoint, inasmuch as prime responsibility in administering this program would fall within the confines of this office. We would be happy to attend and bring forward any suggestions we might have during committee hearings.

We cannot at the present time foresee the administration of these acts as being of a scope exceeding \$5,000. in expenses and thereby requiring a fiscal note. There will be a certain amount of additional expense incurred by each agency involved, however, we do not foresee this cost as being substantial. This office has requested funding and expressed need for a position to manage and coordinate collection efforts for these institutions presently involved in these programs. The funding of this position would certainly tend to enhance the proposals being brought forth within these measures in insuring efficiency of operation. However, it is our sincere belief, that the need for additional staffing has become so critical within existing programs that the acceptance or rejection of these proposals will not be of material consequence. The fact of the matter seems to be; with additional staff we will put forth a smooth working, efficient collection effort in all areas; without proper staffing management, the effort will remain somewhat haphazard with limited efficiency.

Sincerely yours,

Walter R. Fiedler
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