

allocation of \$2.9 million for library aid. At that time, I am hopeful that we will be able to appropriate a similar increase to the library program.

In conclusion, I reluctantly veto House Bill 1722 because of the unnecessary strain it may impose on the State budget at a time when the future revenue picture remains uncertain.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 1792

AN ACT concerning

Mental Hygiene Laws - Evaluation in Criminal Cases

FOR the purpose of changing the ~~requirement---of---the Department--of-Health-and-Mental-Hygiene-for-forwarding reports-as-to-sanity,-when-the-defendant--interposed--a plea--in--writing,-from-60-days-to-7-days,-changing-the requirement-of-the--Department--of--Health--and--Mental Hygiene-for-forwarding-reports-as-to-sanity,-when-there is--no--plea-alleging-insanity,-from-30-days-to-7-days,~~ repealing time within which the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall forward to a court certain reports pertaining to a defendant's competency to stand trial in certain instances; providing that failure to meet certain time limitations shall not result in dismissal of criminal charges, and authorizing the court to extend these time limitations; amending provisions for the confinement of criminal defendants that remain in custody after referral by a court for a criminal competency examination, and providing that a court may direct these defendants be confined in certain facilities; and repealing provisions that provide for the transportation of these persons to an evaluation facility and their return from the facility after the evaluation is completed.

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Dear Mr. Speaker: