Approved May 27, 1986.

CHAPTER 685

(Senate Bill 728)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement - Exemption - Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration

FOR the purpose of extending the exemption for the acquisition of human, social, cultural, and educational services by the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration from the State Procurement Law; and generally relating to exemptions from the State Procurement Law.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 399 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1985 Section 1

Preamble

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the State to promote continuity and quality of care as well as cost effectiveness in the procurement of human, cultural, social, and educational services; and

The Mental Retardation and Developmental WHEREAS, Disabilities Administration is in the process of implementing reasonable cost reimbursement method for purchasing community based services for mentally retarded and nonretarded developmentally disabled individuals; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 399 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1985 provides that the acquisition of human, cultural, social, and educational services is not subject to the provisions of the State Procurement Law until June 30, 1986; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration's implementation of its prospective payment system is scheduled to begin July 1, 1986; and

WHEREAS, During the current fiscal year, 1986, the Mental Retardation Developmental Disabilities Administration has not developed a demonstration project to evaluate the prospective payment system in order to make necessary modifications prior to full implementation of the system on July 1, 1986; now, therefore,