

# Willowbrook medical care funds sought

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ALBANY (AP) — Funds to replace kitchen equipment at Willowbrook State School and to provide for medical care of the institution's residents at the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital in Clifton are contained in the state's deficiency budget submitted to the Legislature by Gov. Wilson yesterday.

Included in the budget plan is \$683,000 to cover the costs of a medical-surgical services contract between Willowbrook and the federal government, along with \$226,000 to replace kitchen equipment damaged in a multi-alarm fire last summer.

Part of the latter appropriation is to be shared with another state mental hospital.

Wilson's proposal also calls for pay raises of 2.5 per cent for top state appointed officials who, the governor said, lost out on a 6 per cent increase given other state employes last April 1.

The payraises, which would be retroactive to Jan. 1 this year, would cost the state an additional \$91,800. They range from \$731 to \$1,333 a year.

The largest payboost would be granted State Education Commissioner Ewald B. Nyquist and State University Chancellor Erenest L. Boyer, whose salaries would rise from \$53,325 a year to \$54,658.

The request for the payraise was contained in Wilson's proposed \$26.6-million deficiency budget to cover costs that were not anticipated when the main budget was passed last year.

Almost \$11 million of the money would cover the increased costs of light, fuel and food.

The budget bill also would provide a \$20 million advance to the State University Construction Fund to build a library, classroom, student activities and administrative complex at the State University at Buffalo, Amherst. This money is to be repaid through the sale of bonds, so it does not count against the total.

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Another advance, this time for \$5 million, would go to the State University to buy equipment for buildings at the State University College at Geneseo. This money also would be repaid.

In other activity Thursday, Wilson ordered elections Feb. 14 in the 120th Assembly district in Onondaga County, the 117th Assembly district in Oswego and Oneida counties, and the 36th Assembly district and the 14th Senate district, both of Queens.

The Senate adopted rules changes to permit the press to attend committee meetings and to make committee voting records public. After the session, the Senate recessed until Monday. The Assembly went home Wednesday night and will also reconvene Monday.

The items in the deficiency budget included:

—\$98,500 to cover a 41 per cent increase in the contract prices for cars and trucks owned by the State Environmental Conservation Department.

—\$69,205 to pay for increased prices for fish food. Wilson said the additional money is needed to allow continued operations of hatcheries.

—\$2.8 million to cover a 16 per cent increase in food costs for the Mental Hygiene Department. The department also was affected by the decision of the federal government to stop providing free, surplus food.

—\$2.4-million for increased fuel and utility costs for the Mental Hygiene Department.

—\$300,000 to pay for 41 new positions on the State Racing and Wagering Board, which was created last year to administer off-track betting, all pari-mutuel racing, the state lottery and bingo.

—\$4.2 million to cover increased costs of electricity, natural gas, fuel oil and gasoline at State University campuses.

—\$608,900 to replace automobiles that accumulated more than 75,000 miles. The budget message said the cars are all priority vehicles used by parkway police, conservation police and institutional authorities.

—\$181,000 to pay the expenses of the Temporary State Commission on Living Costs and the Economy. This was established by former Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller last year and is headed by Assemblyman Andrew Stein, D-Manhattan.