

CHAPTER 97

WOODWARD STATE HOSPITAL AND SCHOOL

H. F. 202

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred twenty-three (223), Code 1946, relating to the title of the state institution at Woodward.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Strike from chapter two hundred twenty-three (223),
2 Code 1946, wherever it appears, the title "Hospital for Epileptics and
3 School for Feebleminded" and insert in lieu thereof the following
4 title, "Woodward State Hospital and School".

1 SEC. 2. Hereafter the "Hospital for Epileptics and School for
2 Feebleminded" shall be entitled "The Woodward State Hospital and
3 School".

Approved March 17, 1949.

CHAPTER 98

PATIENTS AT GLENWOOD AND WOODWARD

H. F. 201

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred twenty-three (223) Code 1946, relating to discharge of patients from the Glenwood State School and the Woodward State Hospital and School.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Add the following section to chapter two hundred
2 twenty-three (223), Code 1946; "The board of control may at any
3 time return any inmate to its parent or guardian even though com-
4 mitted by a court, but shall notify the clerk of the district court of
5 the county to which such inmate is to be paroled, and if the parole or
6 release is for one year or permanent such notice shall be sent to said
7 clerk thirty (30) days before the release of such patient".

Approved March 22, 1949.

CHAPTER 99

TRANSFEREES FROM STATE MENTAL HOSPITALS

S. F. 348

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred twenty-seven (227), Code of 1946, relating to transferees from state hospitals for the insane to county or private institutions for the insane and to provide state aid for the support of such patients and to provide an appropriation therefor.

WHEREAS, there is now an excess of some 1500 patients above normal capacity in the four mental hospitals of the state, and

WHEREAS, some 2000 of these patients are old, senile and strictly custodial patients beyond any reasonable hope of remedial relief, and

WHEREAS, this surplus patient load makes it practically impossible to house, attend or give medical attention, properly and adequately to new patients or those in residence who might conceivably be benefited by prompt and proper care and treatment, and

WHEREAS, nearly two-thirds of the county homes in Iowa now have approximately 2000 patients transferred from the mental hospitals and yet have beds available for more than 2000 additional patients for custodial care, and

WHEREAS, custodial care in the county homes averages approximately \$500 per patient per year less than in the state hospitals for comparable care of custodial patients, and

WHEREAS, it would seem that the state must either transfer some additional 1500 of these custodial patients to the county homes or take out of the county homes all mental patients previously transferred, and return them to the state hospitals, thus necessitating accommodations for 3300 to 3500 additional custodial patients at the state hospitals, and

WHEREAS, such a step would require at least two more state hospitals at a cost of not less than \$10,000,000 with additional increased support and maintenance cost, and

WHEREAS, many of the county homes in Iowa have demonstrated over a period of years that they have the facilities, knowledge and desire to care for their own custodial patients in the county homes, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control does and should have authority to establish certain minimum standards of care required for such custodial patients, and

WHEREAS, it is believed that in order to accomplish the purposes desired and to encourage the counties to make the necessary arrangements for such transfers the State of Iowa should absorb a portion of the expense incurred by the counties providing such needed and adequate care for its custodial patients as is prescribed by the Board of Control.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred twenty-seven point eleven
2 (227.11), Code 1946, is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 "insanity" in line eight (8) the words "or from senility".

1 SEC. 2. Chapter two hundred twenty-seven (227), Code 1946, is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following new sections:

3 1. "For each patient heretofore or hereafter received on transfer
4 from a state hospital for the insane under the provisions of section
5 227.11, or committed to a county home by a commission of insanity
6 the county shall be entitled to receive the amount of three dollars
7 (\$3.00) per week for each patient from the state mental aid fund
8 hereinafter provided for."

9 2. "There is hereby created as a permanent fund in the office of the
10 treasurer of state a fund to be known as the state mental aid fund,
11 and for the purpose of establishing and maintaining said fund for
12 each fiscal year beginning July 1, 1949, there is appropriated thereto

13 from funds in the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum
 14 of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00). Any balance in said
 15 fund on June 30th of the second fiscal year shall revert to the general
 16 fund."

17 3. "The state aid herein provided for shall be paid to the claimant
 18 county upon a verified claim being filed quarterly with the board of
 19 control setting forth the total of weekly patient care furnished to
 20 transferees in county or private institutions from the county fund
 21 for the insane. Approval of said verified claim by the board of con-
 22 trol shall be authority for the state comptroller to issue a warrant
 23 upon the state mental aid fund payable to the claimant county which
 24 shall be credited by that county to the county fund for the insane
 25 levied under the provisions of section 230.24."

Approved April 20, 1949.

CHAPTER 100

PROBATION OFFICERS

H. F. 306

AN ACT to amend section two hundred thirty-one point twelve (231.12), Code 1946, relating to the appointment of probation officers (in juvenile court) and their salaries and expenses.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section two hundred thirty one point twelve (231.12),
 2 Code 1946, is hereby amended by adding after the period in line eight
 3 (8) thereof the following sentences:— "For use of an automobile in
 4 the discharge of their duties within the particular county or counties
 5 for which they are appointed such officers may receive the mileage rate
 6 provided by law, or, in lieu thereof, they may receive a monthly allow-
 7 ance in such amounts as the judge or judges of the juvenile court may
 8 determine and order. For use of an automobile outside the county
 9 or counties for which they have been appointed such officers shall be
 10 paid the regular mileage rate."

Approved April 20, 1949.

CHAPTER 101

IOWA ANNIE WITTENMYER HOME

H. F. 359

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred forty-four (244), Code 1946, as amended by the Acts of the Fifty-second (52nd) General Assembly, relating to the title of the state institution for children at Davenport, Iowa.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Strike from chapter two hundred forty-four, (244),
 2 Code 1946, as amended by the Acts of the Fifty-second (52nd) Gen-