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House File 182

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A BILL FOR

An Act to amend chapter two hundred twenty-five (225), Code 1954, relating to the renaming of the state psychopathic hospital, redefining its purposes and role as a mental health training and research center, and to provide for the local transfer of certain patients and for the acceptance of gifts and grants.

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

1 Section 1. Section two hundred twenty-five point one
2 (225.1), Code 1954, is hereby repealed and the following
3 enacted in lieu thereof:
4 "There shall be established an Iowa mental health
5 training and research center with inpatient and outpatient
6 facilities to provide for the improvement of care, diagnosis
7 and treatment of adults and children afflicted with mental
8 or emotional illness or mental retardation through study and
9 research, for the training of the various groups of
10 professional personnel involved in the care, diagnosis and
11 treatment of such adults and children, for research and
12 training in the prevention of mental or emotional illness or
13 mental retardation, and for the coordination of its training
14 and research activities with those in the state mental health
15 institutions, the hospital for epileptics and schools for
16 feebleminded."

1 Sec. 2. Section two hundred twenty-five point two
2 (225.2), Code 1954, is hereby repealed and the following

3 enacted in lieu thereof:

4 "It shall be known as the Iowa mental health training
5 and research center, and shall be located at Iowa City, and
6 integrated with the college of medicine and hospital of the
7 state university of Iowa."

1 Sec. 3. Section two hundred twenty-five point four
2 (225.4), Code 1954, is hereby repealed and the following
3 enacted in lieu thereof:

4 "The state board of regents shall appoint a fully
5 qualified psychiatrist as medical director ^{of} said mental
6 health center, who shall serve as chief administrator of the
7 said center and as professor and chairman of the department
8 of psychiatry in the college of medicine of the state
9 university."

1 Sec. 4. Section two hundred twenty-five point five
2 (225.5), Code 1954, is hereby repealed and the following
3 enacted in lieu thereof:

4 "The members of the department of psychiatry in the
5 college of medicine of the state university of Iowa shall be
6 responsible for carrying out the training, research, and
7 service programs of the said mental health center as well as
8 the usual, prescribed duties of a department in the college
9 of medicine including the admission, care and treatment of
10 patients."

1 Sec. 5. Section two hundred twenty-five point six
2 (225.6), Code 1954, is hereby repealed and the following
3 enacted in lieu thereof:

4 "A professional coordination board consisting of the
5 director of the said mental health center as chairman, the

6 chief of child psychiatry of said center, two other members
7 of the department of psychiatry appointed by the director
8 of said center, the dean of the college of medicine of the
9 state university, the director of mental institutions
10 employed by the board of control, and two physicians appointed
11 by the board of control, one from its mental health institutes
12 and one from its hospital for epileptics and schools for
13 feeble-minded, shall coordinate those training and research
14 activities that involve collaboration between the said mental
15 health institutes, hospital for epileptics and schools for
16 feeble-minded."

1 Sec. 6. Chapter two hundred twenty-five (225), Code
2 1954, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "Patients in need of immediate psychiatric care may be
4 transferred from the state university hospital or from the
5 hospital-school for handicapped to a facility of the Iowa
6 mental health training and research center upon the certificate
7 of two physicians licensed by the state of Iowa and practicing
8 in the university hospital, who shall certify that the patient
9 is acutely in need of psychiatric care, and such certificate
10 shall be the authority of the said mental health center for
11 receiving and confining such patient in the center."

1 Sec. 7. Chapter two hundred twenty-five (225), Code
2 1954, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

3 "The state board of regents is authorized to accept
4 gifts or devises or bequests of property, real or personal,
5 including grants from the federal government, in behalf of
6 the said mental health center, and to direct their use and
7 disposition for the purposes for which they were given."

- 1 Sec. 8. Wherever in the statutes reference is made to
- 2 the state psychopathic hospital, other than in this act, said
- 3 reference shall be changed to a reference to the Iowa mental
- 4 health training and research center, and the code editor is
- 5 directed to effect the change.

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 182

The purpose of this bill is to provide a more unified approach to the serious problems of mental health in the state by integrating the state psychiatric hospital more closely with the medical school and with the state mental institutes under the board of control. To accomplish these objectives the purpose of the state psychopathic hospital is described more clearly. The relationships of the medical director and the other employees of the state psychopathic hospital to the faculty of the medical college are defined. A professional coordination board to correlate training and research between the state psychopathic hospital and the mental institutions under the board of control is established. The transfer of patients acutely in need of psychiatric care from university hospital to the psychopathic hospital is simplified.

The mobilization of the research and training resources envisaged in this bill will enable Iowa to attack, on a broad front, the crippling disorders produced by mental disease and will lead to a reduction in the number of persons becoming mentally ill and promote the recovery of those already afflicted.

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- 1 Amend House File 182, section three (3), line two (2), by
- 2 inserting after "1954," the following: "as amended by section
- 3 sixteen (16), chapter one hundred thirty-one (131), Acts of the
- 4 Fifty-sixth General Assembly".

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