

**230.31 Departers from other states.**

If a person with mental illness departs without proper authority from an institution in another state and is found in this state, a peace officer in the county in which the patient is found may take and detain the patient without order and shall report the detention to the administrator who shall provide for the return of the patient to the authorities of the state where the unauthorized leave was made. Pending such return, the patient may be detained temporarily at one of the institutions of this state under the control of the administrator or any other administrator of the department of human services. Expenses incurred under [this section](#) shall be paid in the same manner as is provided for transfers in [section 230.8](#).

[C58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §230.31]

[83 Acts, ch 96, §157, 159; 96 Acts, ch 1129, §113; 2000 Acts, ch 1112, §42](#)