

**226.42 Emergency powers of superintendents.**

In case the mental health institutes lose contact with the seat of government, due to enemy action or otherwise, the superintendents of the institutes may do any of the following:

1. Collect moneys due the state treasury from the counties and from responsible persons or other relatives, these funds to be collected monthly, instead of quarterly, and to be deposited for use in operating the institutes.

2. Requisition supplies, such as food, fuel, drugs and medical equipment, from any source available, in the name of the state, and enter into contracts binding the state for payment at an indefinite future time.

3. Employ personnel in all categories and for whatever remuneration the superintendent deems necessary, without regard to existing laws, rules, or regulations, in order to permit the institute to continue its existing functions and meet its additional responsibilities.

[C62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §226.42]

[2023 Acts, ch 19, §496](#)

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