

**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**REGULAR SESSION, 1935**



**ENROLLED**

**SENATE BILL No.** 254

(By Mr. Jones)



**PASSED** March 8 1935

**In Effect** from Passage

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(BY MR. JONES) (by request)

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AN ACT to repeal section ten, article three, chapter forty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, and to amend and reenact sections twelve, fourteen and nineteen of said article three, all relating to child welfare.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section ten, article three, chapter forty-nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be repealed and that sections twelve, fourteen and nineteen of said article three be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 12. All children, before being committed to the 2 board, shall be given a physical and mental examination, using

3 blank forms prepared and furnished by the board for the  
4 purpose, and the board, in its discretion, after considering the  
5 results of said examination, may accept or refuse to accept any  
6 child for commitment to the board.

Sec. 14. All children who are declared public wards under  
2 the provisions of this article shall remain public wards until  
3 they attain the age of twenty-one years or are married, which-  
4 ever shall first occur, unless by order of the court or judge  
5 by whom such children were so declared, upon a proper show-  
6 ing, they shall be returned to their parents, or other guardian,  
7 or shall be adopted in the manner prescribed by law.

Sec. 19. The state board of children's guardians may, when  
2 in its discretion it shall appear proper, place any children in  
3 its care or custody in suitable private homes, and in such  
4 cases the said board, and the person or persons with whom  
5 said child or children are placed, shall observe and be governed  
6 by all of the provisions of the laws of this state concerning the  
7 placing of children in private homes and the rules and regula-  
8 tions of said board; and when necessary said board may place  
9 such children as need special care or supervision in private  
10 boarding homes.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*Clinton L. Howard*

Chairman Senate Committee

*Arnold M. Vickers*

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the

*Senate*

Takes effect

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passage.

*Charles M. ...*

Clerk of the Senate

*Wm. S. O'Brien*

Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Chas. E. Hoyle*

President of the Senate

*John J. ...*

Speaker House of Delegates

The within

this the

day of

, 1935.

Governor

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State  
of West Virginia.

Wm. S. O'BRIEN,

Secretary of State

I certify that the foregoing act, having been presented to the Governor for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the House of the Legislature in which it originated within the time prescribed by the constitution of the state, has become a law without his approval.

This the 15th day of March,

1935



SECRETARY OF STATE