WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1937

ENROLLED

SENATE BILL No. 275

(By Mr. Fleming)

PASSED March 11th 1937

In Effect Day from Passage
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[Passed March 11, 1937; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections three and six, article eight, chapter twenty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, relating to the West Virginia training school.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections three and six, article eight, chapter twenty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

Section 3. There shall be admitted to said school any 2 person with mental defectiveness from birth or from an
early age, so pronounced that he or she is unable to care for himself or herself and manage his or her affairs with ordinary prudence, and who, because of such mental defect, is a menace to the happiness and welfare of himself or herself or of others in the community, and requires care, training or control for the protection of himself or herself or of others, and yet who is not insane. This type of person, commonly classed as feeble-minded, including idiots, imbecile or morons, shall be known and designated as "mental defectives" for the purposes of this article. Should the school at any time not be able to accommodate all persons of such class offered for admission, preference in admission shall be given to children between the ages of seven and fourteen years, inclusive, of the moron type who are capable of being trained and of attending to their own ordinary physical needs. No person suffering from epilepsy, tuberculosis or leprosy shall be admitted, nor shall any deaf or blind person be admitted.

Sec. 6. When, in the judgment of the superintendent of the school, a patient or inmate thereof shall, under the treatment and training given therein, improve mentally and
physically to such an extent as to no longer constitute a
menace to himself or herself or others, the superintendent
shall have the right, and it shall be his duty, to discharge or
parole such person, under such rules and regulations as the
board of control may prescribe.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the

Takes effect

passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within this the

day of 1937.
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...19th...Day of...March

1937...

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE