

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION, 1937



ENROLLED

SENATE BILL No. 275

(By Mr. Fleming)



PASSED March 11<sup>th</sup> 1937

In Effect 10 days from Passage

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**Senate Bill No. 275**

(BY MR. FLEMING)

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[Passed March 11, 1937; in effect ninety days from passage.]

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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

3 early age, so pronounced that he or she is unable to care for  
4 himself or herself and manage his or her affairs with  
5 ordinary prudence, and who, because of such mental defect,  
6 is a menace to the happiness and welfare of himself or  
7 herself or of others in the community, and requires care,  
8 training or control for the protection of himself or herself  
9 or of others, and yet who is not insane. This type of person,  
10 commonly classed as feeble-minded, including idiots, im-  
11 becile or morons, shall be known and designated as "mental  
12 defectives" for the purposes of this article. Should the  
13 school at any time not be able to accomodate all persons of  
14 such class offered for admission, preference in admission  
15 shall be given to children between the ages of seven and  
16 fourteen years, inclusive, of the moron type who are capable  
17 of being trained and of attending to their own ordinary  
18 physical needs. No person suffering from epilepsy, tuber-  
19 culosis or leprosy shall be admitted, nor shall any deaf or  
20 blind person be admitted.

Sec. 6. When, in the judgment of the superintendent of  
2 the school, a patient or inmate thereof shall, under the treat-  
3 ment and training given therein, improve mentally and

4 physically to such an extent as to no longer constitute a  
5 menace to himself or herself or others, the superintendent  
6 shall have the right, and it shall be his duty, to discharge or  
7 parole such person, under such rules and regulations as the  
8 board of control may prescribe.

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

*Carl B. Gathright*

Chairman Senate Committee

*Wesley B. Balke*

Chairman House Committee

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Takes effect..... passage.

*Charles M. ...*

Clerk of the Senate

*Wm. S. Hall*

Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Chas. E. Hooge*

President of the Senate

*J. T. Thomas*

Speaker House of Delegates

The within..... this the.....

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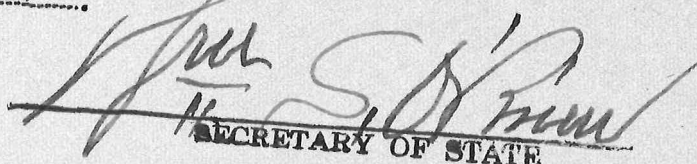
Filed in the office of the Secretary of State  
of West Virginia. MAR 19 1937

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of March

1937

  
SECRETARY OF STATE