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HOUSE BILL No. 29

(By Mr. Brotherton)



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AN ACT to amend and reenact section six, article three, chapter nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended and reenacted by chapter one, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six, by adding thereto an additional subsection fourteen, providing services for the blind.

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

That section six, article three, chapter nine of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended and reenacted by chapter one, acts of the Legislature of West Virginia, first extraordinary session, one thousand nine hundred thirty-six, is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**Article 3. The Director of Public Assistance.**

Section 6. *Powers and Duties.* The director shall be the

2 executive and administrative head of the department, and as

3 such shall have the power and duty to:

4 (1) Exercise general supervision of, and make and revise  
5 rules and regulations for the government of the department.

6 (2) Prescribe uniform regulations pertaining to investi-  
7 gations, reinvestigations, and case supervision by county  
8 councils and directors.

9 (3) Prescribe uniform methods of recording and account-  
10 ing to be employed by the county councils and directors.

11 (4) Sign and execute, in the name of the state, by "The  
12 State Department of Public Assistance", and by and with  
13 the consent and approval of the state board, any contract or  
14 agreement with the federal government or its agencies, other  
15 states, subdivisions of this state, corporations, associations,  
16 partnerships, or individuals.

17 (5) Supervise the fiscal affairs and responsibilities of the  
18 department.

19 (6) Organize the department so as to comply with the re-  
20 quirements of this chapter and standards required by the  
21 federal legislation.

22 (7) Order, with the approval of the state board, two or  
23 more counties to employ a single county director and a joint  
24 staff of assistants and employees.

25 (8) Make such reports as will comply with the require-  
26 ments of the federal legislation and the provisions of this  
27 chapter.

28 (9) Cooperate with federal and state governments for the  
29 more effective attainment of the purposes of this chapter.

30 (10) Keep a complete and accurate record of all proceed-  
31 ings; record and file all bonds or contracts; and assume re-  
32 sponsibility for the custody and preservation of all papers  
33 and documents pertaining to his office.

34 (11) Make an annual report to the Governor of the con-  
35 dition, operation, and functioning of the department.

36 (12) Exercise any other powers necessary and proper to  
37 standardize state and county work, to expedite business, to  
38 assure fair consideration of application for aid, and to pro-  
39 mote the efficiency of the service.

40 (13) Invoke any legal, equitable, or special remedies for  
41 the enforcement of his orders or the provisions of this chapter.

42 (14) Initiate or cooperate with other agencies in develop-

43 ing services for the prevention of blindness, the conservation  
44 of vision, and the vocational and social adjustment of the  
45 blind.

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

*Frank M. Miller*  
*Acting* Chairman Senate Committee

*Dee B. Walker*  
 Chairman House Committee

Originated in the *House of Delegates*

Takes effect *ninety days from* passage.

*Charles R. Smith*  
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*Geo. S. Kaege*  
 Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Wm. S. O'Brien*  
 President of the Senate

*James F. Thomas*  
 Speaker House of Delegates

The within *Approved* this the *15<sup>th</sup>*

day of *February*, 1939.

*James A. Mc*

Governor.



Filed in the office of the Secretary of State  
 of West Virginia. **FEB 16 1939**

Wm. S. O'BRIEN,  
 Secretary of State