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SENATE BILL NO. 1576

(By Mr. Beatty, Mr. President)

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Senate Bill No. 156
(By Mr. Bean, Mr. President)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section two, article eight, chapter twenty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to payment by counties toward the maintenance of patients in mental institutions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

Article 8. Maintenance of Mentally Ill Patients.

Section 2. When and How Counties to Pay.—If the state mental institution is unable to collect a minimum of one
hundred fifty dollars per annum toward the maintenance of a patient, whether on a voluntary or involuntary status, the county of which the patient is a resident shall annually pay into the state treasury for credit to the appropriate institution the difference between the amount, if any, collected by the institution and the sum of one hundred fifty dollars.

At every levy term of each county court it shall estimate for and levy a sufficient amount to meet all such expenses. The superintendent of such institution, on or before the tenth day of January of each year, shall certify to the auditor a list of all the patients in the institution during the whole or any part of the preceding year for which the counties are to pay, showing on such list under the name of the county, the number from each county and length of time they were in the institution during the year, and showing the amount due from each county for each patient, and the total amount due from each county for the year. As soon as such list is received by the auditor he shall charge to each county the amount appearing to be due from the certificates of the superintendents. Within
ten days after the receipt of such certificates the auditor shall make out a copy thereof for each county and certify the same to the county court thereof, which list shall show the name of each patient in such hospital from the county during the year, the length of time he was in such institution during the year, the amount charged for each patient, and the total amount charged on account of all such patients from the county; and such total amount shall constitute a debt against the county due the state. Whenever there is in the state treasury a sum of money due any county from any source, the same shall be at once applied on the debt aforesaid against the county, and the fact of such application of such fund shall be reported by the auditor to the county court of the county, which report shall be a receipt for the amount therein named. The provisions of this section shall apply only to the state mental hospitals proper, and not to the clinics attached thereto.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

Takes effect July 1, 1959

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 5th day of March, 1959.

Governor