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REGULAR SESSION, 1967

ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 986

(By Mr. Speno (Mr. White and
Mrs. Withrow)

PASSED March 10, 1967

In Effect July 1, 1967

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FILED IN THE OFFICE
ROBERT D. BAILEY
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 3-21-67.
AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven, article one-a, and
section five, article three, chapter twenty-seven of the
code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the division of community
services of the department of mental health; reimbursing
sponsoring groups by patient or responsible relative for
mental health services, and transportation for mentally
ill persons.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section seven, article one-a, and section five, article
three, 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 1A. DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

§27-1A-7. Division of community services; powers and duties of supervisor.

There shall be a division of community services in the department of mental health. This division shall administer all funds made available to the state of West Virginia and any political subdivision thereof under the national mental health act, and all other funds made available for use by this division. The director shall establish standards and criteria for reimbursing sponsoring groups for a portion of the cost of local mental health services which they may provide.

The supervisor of this division shall also have the following powers and duties:

1. To establish standards for and supervise the operation of community mental health clinics for adults and children and to develop new community facilities and community service programs for the overall improvement of the regional mental health facilities.

2. To develop a comprehensive and practical program of mental health education of the public, especially at the local level.

3. To work with county mental hygiene commissions
and circuit courts.

4. To determine and approve schedules of reasonable cost for reimbursement by the patient or responsible relative for mental health services rendered.

5. To perform any other duties assigned to the division by the director of the department.

ARTICLE 3. MENTAL HYGIENE COMMISSIONS.

§27-3-5. Transportation for mentally ill persons.

Whenever an individual is to be hospitalized under the provisions of article four or article five of this chapter, the clerk of the county court of the county of which such individual is a resident shall, upon the written request under oath of a person having a proper interest in the individual's hospitalization, permit such person to arrange for the individual's transportation to the hospital by such means as may be suitable for his mental condition. Should no such transportation be available, the clerk may arrange for such, and if the mentally ill person is without financial means to pay for such transportation, the cost thereof, not to exceed the amount prescribed by the county court of the county of which such individual is a resident, may be paid out of the county treasury.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

William Tompkins
Chairman Senate Committee

Clayton C. Davidson
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1967.

Frank McGee
Clerk of the Senate

V.A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Howard W. Carson
President of the Senate

W. LeBaron White
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17th day of March, 1967.

Herbert C. Smith
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date  3/12/67

Time  3:45 P.M.