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AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, chapter one hundred seventy-eight, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred fifty-nine, as last amended and reenacted by chapter eighty-two, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred seventy, relating to the Cabell county youth center.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four, chapter one hundred seventy-eight, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred fifty-nine, as last amended and reenacted by chapter eightytwo, acts of the Legislature, regular session, one thousand nine hundred seventy, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

### CABELL COUNTY YOUTH CENTER.

#### §4. Foster homes division.

- 1 The foster homes division of the Cabell county youth
- 2 center shall be erected and maintained at the Cabell
- 3 county farm at Ona, West Virginia, as homes for Cabell
- 4 county children who are orphans, homeless, neglected or
- 5 deserted, or who, if permitted to run ungoverned or un-
- 6 disciplined, are apt to become delinquent, and which
- 7 said children are within the age prescribed by the statutes
- 8 of this state for juveniles.
- 9 The board of supervisors of the Cabell county youth
- 10 center with the approval of the Cabell county court, is
- 11 authorized to erect and maintain at said farm sufficient
- 12 cottages and of capacity to comfortably house the afore-
- 13 mentioned juveniles. Each cottage when children are
- 14 housed therein shall have as "cottage parents" a husband
- 15 and wife team in charge, both of whom shall be persons
- 16 of good moral character, experienced in child care, hav-
- 17 ing proper understanding of children and temperamen-
- 18 tally fit to care and rear them. Each cottage shall be
- 19 conducted comparable to a well ordered home, with

proper supervision and understanding discipline maintained by the "cottage parents". The children therein 21 housed shall be treated as members of a well ordered 22 family where there is proper intellectual, physical, spiritual and exemplary moral training. Each child shall be 25 given a home therein so long as its need therefor exists 26 and it remains a juvenile or until a satisfactory permanent home has been found or it is placed for adoption. 27 28 The foster homes division shall be made available for any and all Cabell county children now or hereafter to 29 30 be under the control of the state or county department of welfare. 31 32 Both the West Virginia and Cabell county departments of welfare, at the earliest practicable time after the facilities hereinabove provided have been made ready to 34 35 receive said children, may appear before the juvenile court of Cabell county and bring to the court's attention 36 37 the name of any child then in Cabell county 38 and in the custody of both of the said departments, the whereabouts of each child, and all facts and circum-39 stances which to the department or the court may ap-

- 41 pear pertinent with relation to each child, and all of
- 42 which the court shall consider, and having so considered
- 43 shall then enter an order committing said child to the
- 44 foster homes division, or releasing it to the department
- 45 as to the court may seem just and proper, and the court
- 46 may from time to time make such other and further
- 47 orders for the disposition of said child or children as
- 48 may be just or proper.
- 49 For the support and maintenance of the children
- 50 placed in said foster homes divisions, the departments of
- 51 welfare shall contribute according to institutional for-
- 52 mula paid by the departments in other counties
- 53 of the state. The money so contributed shall be paid to
- 54 the county court of Cabell county and by that court
- 55 set aside for the use of said foster homes division.
- 56 The "cottage parents" and all other personnel requir-
- 57 ed for the efficient operation of said cottages in which
- 58 children are maintained shall be carefully selected by
- 59 the board of supervisors. Said "cottage parents" shall
- 60 be responsible for the supervision and training of all
- 61 the children committed to their care; for keeping them

- 62 in school during school terms and hours; for teaching
- 63 them to do a reasonable amount of work, and for making
- 64 each cottage as nearly self-supporting as possible.
- 65 The children residing in said foster homes shall be
- 66 required, when within school age, and when their health
- 67 and physical condition permits, to attend the public
- 68 schools. The board of education of said county shall make
- 69 provisions for them in the public school at Ona, West
- 70 Virginia, or if any one or more of them be in a grade
- 71 higher than is taught at Ona, then provision therefor
- 72 shall be made in a school wherein such grade is taught.
- 73 Complete supervision of the foster homes division to-
- 74 gether with the employment and discharge of any and
- 75 all personnel including "cottage parents" shall be under
- 76 the board of supervisors. The salary of each person so
- 77 employed shall be reasonable and be determined by the
- 78 board, and when approved by the said board of super-
- 79 visors shall be certified for payment as is provided in
- 80 section six hereof. In the submission by the board of
- 81 supervisors of the estimate of all monetary needs of
- 82 the Cabell county youth center to the county court as

- 83 provided in section six hereof, the board shall include
- 84 all reasonable monetary needs of the foster homes di-
- 85 vision for the next fiscal year, said estimate shall cover
- 86 all anticipated costs for services for all employees and
- 87 personnel employed in the reasonable operation of said
- 88 foster homes, and all other reasonable expenses incident
- 89 thereto.
- 90 Physical facilities constructed after the effective date
- 91 of this act (June 2, 1959) may be used as deemed ap-
- 92 propriate by the board of supervisors in carrying out
- 93 the provisions of sections three, four or five of this act.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled. Chairman Senate Committee lairman House Committee & Originated in the House. Takes effect from passage. Clerk of the Senate Clerk of the House of Delegates President of the Senate Speaker House of Delegates The within. day of...

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