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(By Mr. HUBBARD)

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## COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

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(MR. HUBBARD, *original sponsor*)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section one, article two, chapter twenty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; and to further amend chapter twenty-seven by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-a, all relating to mental health facilities, establishment of a new central mental health—mental retardation facility; development, operation, location; state hospitals, the Colin Anderson center, Guthrie center, Roney's Point center; continuation, management; mental health—mental retardation centers; comprehensive community regional mental health—mental retardation centers; establishment, operation and location.

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

That section one, article two, chapter twenty-seven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that said chapter twenty-seven be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article two-a, all to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2. MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES.**

**§27-2-1. Establishment of a new central mental health-mental retardation facility; development, operation, location; state hospitals, the Colin Anderson center, Guthrie center, Roney's Point center; continuation, management.**

1 In consultation with the governor, the director of  
2 mental health is hereby authorized and directed to estab-  
3 lish, develop, operate, and maintain a new central mental  
4 health-mental retardation facility for the evaluation,  
5 diagnosis, treatment, research and training and rehabilita-

6 tion of persons disabled by mental illness and/or mental  
7 retardation and to include, but not to be limited to, alco-  
8 holism and drug abuse facilities, specific residential facili-  
9 ties designed for diagnosis, treatment, research and  
10 training and rehabilitation of mentally ill children,  
11 adolescents, and other specialized groups; such facility  
12 to be located on a site selected in accordance with the  
13 state comprehensive mental health and mental retarda-  
14 tion plans, such facility shall also serve as a designated  
15 component as one of the fourteen regional mental health  
16 centers.

17 The state hospitals heretofore established at Weston,  
18 Spencer, Huntington, Barboursville, Lakin, and St. Mary's  
19 shall be continued and known respectively as the Weston  
20 hospital, Spencer hospital, Huntington hospital, Barbours-  
21 ville hospital, Lakin hospital and the Colin Anderson  
22 center. Said state hospitals shall be managed, directed  
23 and controlled by the department of mental health. The  
24 Guthrie center and the Roney's Point center shall be  
25 managed, directed and controlled by the department of  
26 mental health as treatment, and rehabilitation centers for  
27 the mentally disabled, and shall be included in all refer-  
28 ences to "state hospital" in this chapter.

29 The governor and the director of the department of  
30 mental health are hereby authorized to bring said hos-  
31 pitals into structural compliance with appropriate fire  
32 and health standards.

33 All references in this code or elsewhere in law to the  
34 "West Virginia Training School" shall be taken and con-  
35 strued to mean and refer to the "Colin Anderson Center."

**ARTICLE 2A. MENTAL HEALTH-MENTAL RETARDATION CEN-  
TERS.**

**§27-2A-1. Comprehensive community regional mental health-  
mental retardation centers; establishment, opera-  
tion and location.**

1 In consultation with the governor, the director of  
2 mental health is authorized and directed to establish,  
3 maintain and operate not more than fourteen compre-  
4 hensive regional mental health centers and not more than  
5 eight comprehensive mental retardation facilities, to be

6 located at such places within the state as may be de-  
7 termined by the director in accordance with the compre-  
8 hensive mental health plan for West Virginia and such  
9 community facilities for the mentally retarded as may be  
10 indicated in accordance with the state's comprehensive  
11 mental retardation plan. Such facilities may be operated  
12 directly by the department of mental health or by locally-  
13 based nonprofit organizations under such rules and regu-  
14 lations as may be promulgated by the director of mental  
15 health.

16 The state's share of costs of operating such centers or  
17 facilities may be provided from funds appropriated for  
18 this purpose within the budget of the department of  
19 mental health.

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

Russell H. Beall  
Chairman Senate Committee

Phyllis J. Rutledge  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect from passage.

Howard B. Carson  
Clerk of the Senate

Ch. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

E. H. McComb  
President of the Senate

Lewis N. M. Mauw  
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 17th  
day of March, 1972.

Richard S. Vance, Jr.  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 3/17/72

Time 4:20 p.m.

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