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(By Mr. HUBBARD)

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FOR
Senate Bill No. 81
(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 mental health is hereby authorized and directed to establish, develop, operate, and maintain a new central mental health-mental retardation facility for the evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, research and training and rehabilita-
tion of persons disabled by mental illness and/or mental retardation and to include, but not to be limited to, alcoholism and drug abuse facilities, specific residential facilities designed for diagnosis, treatment, research and training and rehabilitation of mentally ill children, adolescents, and other specialized groups; such facility to be located on a site selected in accordance with the state comprehensive mental health and mental retardation plans, such facility shall also serve as a designated component as one of the fourteen regional mental health centers.

The state hospitals heretofore established at Weston, Spencer, Huntington, Barboursville, Lakin, and St. Mary’s shall be continued and known respectively as the Weston hospital, Spencer hospital, Huntington hospital, Barboursville hospital, Lakin hospital and the Colin Anderson center. Said state hospitals shall be managed, directed and controlled by the department of mental health. The Guthrie center and the Roney’s Point center shall be managed, directed and controlled by the department of mental health as treatment, and rehabilitation centers for the mentally disabled, and shall be included in all references to “state hospital” in this chapter.

The governor and the director of the department of mental health are hereby authorized to bring said hospitals into structural compliance with appropriate fire and health standards.

All references in this code or elsewhere in law to the “West Virginia Training School” shall be taken and construed to mean and refer to the “Colin Anderson Center.”

ARTICLE 2A. MENTAL HEALTH-MENTAL RETARDATION CENTERS.

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

In consultation with the governor, the director of mental health is authorized and directed to establish, maintain and operate not more than fourteen comprehensive regional mental health centers and not more than eight comprehensive mental retardation facilities, to be
located at such places within the state as may be de-
termined by the director in accordance with the compre-
hensive mental health plan for West Virginia and such
community facilities for the mentally retarded as may be
indicated in accordance with the state's comprehensive
mental retardation plan. Such facilities may be operated
directly by the department of mental health or by locally-
based nonprofit organizations under such rules and regu-
lations as may be promulgated by the director of mental
health.

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

To take effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

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

Governor