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HOUSE BILL No. 944

(By Mrs. Withrow and Mrs. Green)

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PASSED April 14, 1973
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SECRETARY OF STATE
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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, relating to mental health facilities; separate budget for Roney's Point center.

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 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.

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 rehabilitation of persons disabled by mental illness 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, Spence-
er, Huntington, Barboursville, Lakin and St. Marys 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 re-
habilitation centers for the mentally disabled, and shall be
included in all references to "state hospital" in this chapter:
Provided, That the Roney's Point center shall have its own
budget separate and apart from any other "state hospital"
referred 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 stan-
dards.
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."
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

W. Darrel Day
Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Hannah W. Carson
Clerk of the Senate

C.A. Blankenship
Clerk of the House of Delegates

W. Brown
President of the Senate

Speaker House of Delegates

The within [approved] this the 24th day of April, 1973.

Aline M. Thomas
Governor