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HOUSE BILL No. 944

(By Mrs. Withrow and Mr. Greener)



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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.**

1 In consultation with the governor, the director of mental  
2 health is hereby authorized and directed to establish, develop,  
3 operate and maintain a new central mental health-mental re-  
4 tardation facility for the evaluation, diagnosis, treatment,  
5 research and training and rehabilitation of persons disabled  
6 by mental illness or mental retardation and to include, but  
7 not to be limited to, alcoholism and drug abuse facilities,  
8 specific residential facilities designed for diagnosis, treatment,  
9 research and training and rehabilitation of mentally ill  
10 children, adolescents and other specialized groups; such facility

11 to be located on a site selected in accordance with the state  
12 comprehensive mental health and mental retardation plans,  
13 such facility shall also serve as a designated component as  
14 one of the fourteen regional mental health centers.

15 The state hospitals heretofore established at Weston, Spen-  
16 cer, Huntington, Barboursville, Lakin and St. Marys shall  
17 be continued and known respectively as the Weston hospital,  
18 Spencer hospital, Huntington hospital, Barboursville hospital,  
19 Lakin hospital and the Colin Anderson center. Said state  
20 hospitals shall be managed, directed and controlled by the  
21 department of mental health. The Guthrie center and the  
22 Roney's Point center shall be managed, directed and controlled  
23 by the department of mental health as treatment, and re-  
24 habilitation centers for the mentally disabled, and shall be  
25 included in all references to "state hospital" in this chapter:  
26 *Provided*, That the Roney's Point center shall have its own  
27 budget separate and apart from any other "state hospital"  
28 referenced in this chapter.

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

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

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

H. Darrel Darby  
Chairman Senate Committee

Laurence C. Christian, Jr.  
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1973.

Harold W. Carson  
Clerk of the Senate

C. Blankenship  
Clerk of the House of Delegates

H. Brotherton  
President of the Senate

Levin J. Williams  
Speaker House of Delegates

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

Arthur A. Shaver, Jr.  
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 4/24/73

Time 2:34 p.m.

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