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SENATE BILL NO. 172

(By Mr. *Nelson, et al.*)



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FOR

Senate Bill No. 172

(MR. NELSON, MR. HOLLIDAY, MRS. SPEARS, MR. BOETTNER, MR.
HECK, MR. PALUMBO, MR. BURDETTE, MR. JONES
AND MR. TONKOVICH, *original sponsors*)

[Passed March 12, 1983; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new article, designated article twenty-six-a, relating to the establishment and operation by the board of regents of a state autism training center; purpose; definitions; powers and duties of board of regents; rules and regulations; advisory board; trainee team fees and expenses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new article, designated article twenty-six-a, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 26A. STATE AUTISM TRAINING CENTER.

§18-26A-1. Purpose.

1 The purpose of the Legislature in the enactment of this
2 article is to establish and develop an autism training
3 center in the state of West Virginia with a highly skilled,
4 interdisciplinary, appropriately experienced staff which
5 will train teachers, parents, guardians, and others im-
6 portant to the autistic person's education and training.

7 The center shall be established and operated by the West
8 Virginia board of regents or its designees.

§18-26A-2. Definitions.

1 For the purpose of this article:

2 "Board" means the West Virginia board of regents; and

3 "Center" means the autism training center.

§18-26A-3. Powers and duties of board^{of} regents. *ok Jcw*

1 The West Virginia board of regents is authorized to
2 operate a state autism training center, including either
3 the acquisition by purchase, lease, gift or otherwise, of
4 necessary lands, and the construction of necessary build-
5 ings; the expansion, remodeling, altering or equipping of
6 necessary buildings; or the making of contracts by the
7 board of regents with any state, county or municipal
8 agency, or nonprofit institution, providing for the equip-
9 ment, compensation of personnel, operation and main-
10 tenance of any facility of such agency or institution
11 utilized for the purposes of this article. The board may
12 make and enter into all contracts and agreements neces-
13 sary and incidental to the performance of its powers and
14 duties under this section, and may cooperate with other
15 agencies of the state, county and federal governments.

§18-26A-4. Responsibilities of center.

1 This center is required to work with trainee teams
2 consisting of the autistic or autistic-like individual, a
3 parent or guardian and a teacher or related professional,
4 preferably one who is already involved in the autistic
5 person's education and training, who have been accepted
6 by the center. The training shall be specific to the autis-
7 tic individual and shall occur during an intensive three-
8 week training course. The trainee team shall live at a
9 special residence with trained house parents and go daily
10 to the center. After the team has returned to its commu-
11 nity, the center shall offer intensive follow-up services
12 including toll-free telephone and consultation services.
13 The center shall offer appropriate educational programs
14 for autistic persons and appropriate training for profes-
15 sional personnel and parents.

§18-26A-5. Rules and regulations.

1 The board shall make and adopt rules, regulations and
2 standards for the establishment, operation, maintenance
3 and government control of the center established pur-
4 suant to this article including such rules, regulations and
5 standards as may be necessary for cooperation under and
6 compliance with any existing or future federal statutes
7 pertaining to grants-in-aid for autistic training or facili-
8 ties and such other rules and regulations as may be
9 necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article.

§18-26A-6. Advisory board.

1 The board of regents shall appoint a board of West
2 Virginia citizens to advise the center director on matters
3 of policy. The board shall be composed of fifty percent
4 parents or guardians of persons eligible for the center's
5 program; forty percent persons from professional fields
6 related to autism, such as special education, psychology,
7 hearing and speech, neurology and pediatrics; and ten
8 percent knowledgeable lay citizens such as legislators or
9 other lay community leaders. The director of the center
10 shall be a voting member of the advisory board.

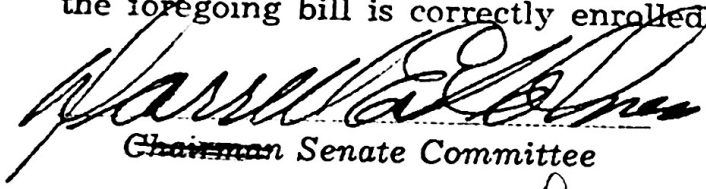
§18-26A-7. Trainee team; expense.

1 A trainee team eligible to attend the center consists of
2 a diagnosed autistic or autistic-like individual, a profes-
3 sional chosen by the primary local service agency and the
4 individual's parent or guardian.

5 The center shall charge agencies sending trainee teams
6 such fees as are established by the board of regents.

7 For the first five years of the existence of the center,
8 the center shall provide for all expenses in excess of fees
9 charged sending agencies for each trainee team including
10 child care for other children of attending parents, guard-
11 ians, teachers or other professionals not regularly em-
12 ployed at the center. After this five-year development
13 period, expenses of the trainee team will be charged to
14 the sending agencies.

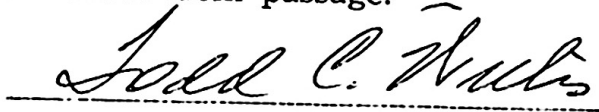
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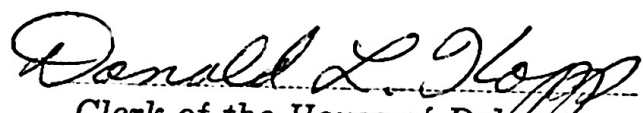

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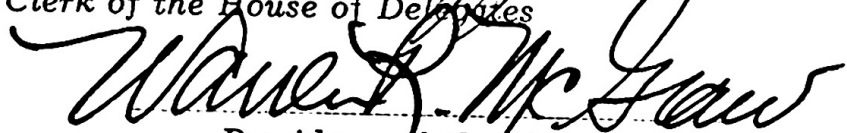

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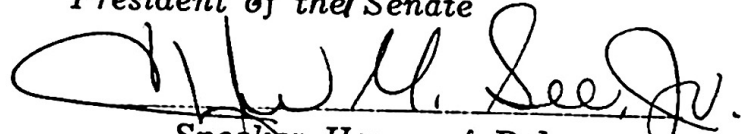
Originated in the Senate.

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President of the Senate


Speaker House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 27
day of March, 1983.


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