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CHAPTER 385

AN ACT to amend 14.715, 46.03 (1), 51.05 (1), 51.065 (2) and (3), 51.21 (2) and 51.22 (1); and to create 46.048 of the statutes, relating to the establishment and operation of a central Wisconsin colony and training school for the care of mentally deficient and epileptic patients.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 14.715 of the statutes is amended to read:

14.715 The state department of public welfare and the conservation commission may, with the approval of the governor and the director of personnel, provide group transportation, in the absence of convenient and public scheduled transportation, for employes to and from the Mendota and Winnebago state hospitals, the northern, *central* and southern colonies and training schools, the Wisconsin school for girls, the Wisconsin home for women in the case of employes of the state department of public welfare, and to and from its temporary branch offices located at the Nevin fish hatchery grounds in the case of the employes of the conservation commission. Any employe, if injured while being so transported, shall be deemed to have been in the course of his employment.

SECTION 2. 46.03 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

46.03 (1) Maintain and govern the Mendota and the Winnebago state hospitals, the central state hospital, the Wisconsin state prison, the Wisconsin state reformatory, the Wisconsin home for women, the Wisconsin school for boys, the Wisconsin school for girls, the Wisconsin workshop for the blind, the Wisconsin child center, the northern, *central* and the southern colonies and training schools * * * and the diagnostic center.

SECTION 3. 46.048 of the statutes is created to read:

46.048 CENTRAL WISCONSIN COLONY AND TRAINING SCHOOL. There is established a new institution to be located near the city of Madison and to be known as the central Wisconsin colony and training school. The state department of public welfare, with the approval of the governor, is authorized to purchase lands for a suitable site and to erect and equip such buildings as it deems necessary from funds appropriated for the long-range building program. Such institution when constructed shall be maintained and operated by the department and all laws pertaining to the care of mentally deficient and epileptic patients shall apply.

SECTION 4. 51.05 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

51.05 (1) If the judge or jury finds that the patient is mentally ill or infirm and should be sent to a hospital for the mentally ill or infirm, the judge shall commit him to a hospital, stating in the commitment whether the notice specified in s. 51.02 was served, and if not, the reasons. If the judge or a jury finds that the patient is mentally infirm, commitment may be to the facility mentioned in sub. (5). If it is found that the patient is mentally deficient or epileptic and should be committed, the commitment shall be to the northern colony and training school, *the central colony and training school* or the southern colony and training school.

SECTION 5. 51.065 (2) and (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

51.065 (2) The report of the 2 examining physicians shall contain a recommendation that the mentally deficient person be committed to the northern, *central* or southern colony and training school, and shall be forwarded by the physicians to the judge of the county in which the patient is found, and in Milwaukee county to the district judge. In the case of minors under the age of 18 years, in all counties, the report and recom-

mentation of the examining physicians shall be forwarded to the judge of the juvenile court.

(3) The judge to whom said report and recommendation is forwarded may enter same in the records of his court and may issue an order of commitment of the patient to the superintendent of the southern, *the central* or the northern colony and training school, which order will authorize the admission of the mentally deficient patient to the specified colony and training school forthwith upon issuance. In all cases in which a parent supervises the person alleged to be mentally deficient, the court may, and in cases in which neither parent supervises, but there is a duly appointed general guardian, the court shall appoint a guardian ad litem in advance of making any entry in the court records, and in advance of issuing an order of commitment.

SECTION 6. 51.21 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

51.21 (2) The department may transfer to the central state hospital any male patient confined in a state or county hospital or the northern, *central* or southern colony and training school, if his or the public welfare requires it or if he is dangerous to himself or others or to property; and it may return him to the institution from which he came if in its judgment he has recovered sufficiently to warrant his return.

SECTION 7. 51.22 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

51.22 (1) The purpose of the northern colony and training school, *of the central colony and training school* and of the southern colony and training school is to care for, train and have the custody of mentally deficient and epileptic persons.

Approved July 2, 1953.
