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CHAPTER 318

AN ACT to create 20.670 (73) and 46.042 of the statutes, relating to the establishment and operation of a residential facility for the intensive treatment of emotionally disturbed children, granting rule-making authority, and making appropriations.

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

SECTION 1. 20.670 (73) of the statutes is created to read:

20.670 (73) TREATMENT CENTER FOR EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN. There is appropriated from the state building trust fund to the state department of public welfare such amounts not to exceed \$500,000 as the building commission finds necessary for constructing and equipping a modern institution containing approximately 30 beds for the intensive treatment of emotionally disturbed children.

SECTION 2. 46.042 of the statutes is created to read:

46.042 TREATMENT CENTER FOR EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN. (1) CREATION. There shall be constructed and equipped in or near Madison a residential facility of approximately 30 beds for the intensive treatment of emotionally disturbed children under the administration of the state department of public welfare. Operational planning shall provide for close interrelationship between the department and the university medical school for conduct of educational and research programs within this facility.

(2) ADMISSIONS. Admissions shall be limited to children in the approximate age group of 6 to 12 years when admitted and who have legal settlement in this state. Admissions shall be made by the director on the recommendation of the staff of the treatment center under the following conditions:

(a) For children committed to the department, by order of the director.

(b) For all other children, upon the written application of the parent or guardian, supported by the certificate of his physician based on personal examination. Such application shall include consent for such treat-

ments as in the judgment of the superintendent are necessary for the patient's health and welfare. Such patient may be discharged by the superintendent, or withdrawn by the parent or guardian upon 10 days' written notice, but if such withdrawal is against medical advice, the superintendent shall notify the director immediately upon receipt of such notice.

(3) CHARGES. The state shall bear the full cost of care and treatment of patients except that the individual or his parents or guardians shall contribute to the cost of treatment up to a maximum of \$60 per month based on the ability to pay as determined by the department.

(4) STAFF. The professional medical staff shall be appointed by the director upon the recommendation of the dean of the university of Wisconsin medical school. The department is authorized to appoint such other staff as is required to operate such facility.

(5) FOLLOW-UP. The department may by rule establish procedures for reporting the subsequent medical progress of a patient, as far as can be determined, whenever a patient is released from the treatment center by the superintendent after treatment.

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