

the balance to the general revenue fund. The revenues in the apportionment fund shall be apportioned as provided in Subdivision 2 to the several counties, cities, villages and boroughs in this state. Each county, city, village and borough shall receive from the apportionment fund an amount bearing the same relation to the total amount to be apportioned as its population bears to the total population of all the counties, cities, villages and boroughs in this state; except, that for the purposes of this act the population of a county shall be that part of its population exclusive of the population of the several cities, villages and boroughs within the county.

Approved April 25, 1949.

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CHAPTER 704—S. F. No. 36

*An act authorizing the director of social welfare to act as coordinator of the program for displaced persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 256.01.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes, 1945, Section 256.01, is amended to read as follows:

Subdivision 1. **State agency.** All the powers and duties now vested in or imposed upon the state board of control by the laws of this state or by any law of the United States are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the director of social welfare, except the powers and duties otherwise specifically transferred by Laws 1939, Chapter 431, to other agencies. The director of social welfare is hereby constituted the "state agency" as defined by the social security act of the United States and the laws of this state.

Subd. 2. **Specific powers enumerated.** The director of social welfare shall:

(1) Administer and supervise all forms of public assistance in the state including general relief, relief to transients and state homeless, relief to veterans, old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind and otherwise handicapped persons and such other welfare activities or

services as may from time to time be vested in the director. Nothing herein shall transfer from the soldiers home board any of its present rights, powers, or duties, all of which shall continue to be exercised by said board.

(2) Administer and supervise all child welfare activities; promote the enforcement of laws protecting defective, illegitimate, dependent, neglected and delinquent children; license and supervise child-caring and child-placing agencies and institutions; supervise the care of children in boarding and foster homes or in private institutions and generally perform all functions relating to the field of child welfare now vested in the state board of control.

(3) Administer and supervise all mental hygiene work involving persons not in a state institution. The authority and power conferred by this subdivision does not extend to administration or supervision of state institutions of mental hygiene nor to patients therein during the period of actual confinement, nor to mental testing, or to persons feebleminded, epileptic, or mentally ill on parole from state institutions.

(4) Administer and supervise all non-institutional services to the handicapped persons, including the blind, the deaf, the tubercular, the crippled, and otherwise handicapped persons. The authority and power conferred by this subdivision shall include such non-institutional services to the handicapped as are now authorized to be performed by the state board of control and by the division of the deaf of the state industrial commission.

(5) Assist and actively cooperate with other departments, agencies and institutions, local, state, and federal, by performing services in conformity with the purposes of Laws 1939, Chapter 431, including the establishment of an efficient working relationship with the director of institutions relating to the care and supervision of individuals both prior to and after departure from institutions under the supervision of said director of institutions.

(6) Act as the agent of and cooperate with the federal government in matters of mutual concern relative to and in conformity with the provisions of Laws 1939, Chapter 431, including the administration of any federal funds granted to the state to aid in the performance of any functions of the direc-

tor as specified in Laws 1939, Chapter 431, and including the promulgation of rules and regulations making uniformly available medical care benefits to all recipients of public assistance at such time as the federal government increases its participation in assistance expenditures for medical care to recipients of public assistance, the cost thereof to be borne in the same proportion as are the grants of aid to said recipients.

(7) Establish and maintain such administrative units as may reasonably be necessary for the performance of administrative functions common to all divisions of the department.

(8) Administer and supervise such additional welfare activities and services as may, from time to time, hereafter be vested by law in the state department.

(9) Establish within his division a bureau of old age assistance, of aid to dependent children, and a bureau of child welfare.

(10) The director is hereby specifically constituted as guardian of both the estate and the person of all of the wards of the state of Minnesota and other persons the guardianship of whom has been heretofore vested in the state board of control, whether by operation of law or by an order of court, without any further act or proceeding whatever, except as to persons committed as feebleminded or epileptic. All of said guardianships, and the funds and property of the same, are hereby transferred to and vested in said director, and said director is hereby constituted a legal entity and is hereby empowered to act as guardian under any laws of this state heretofore conferring such powers upon the state board of control.

(11) All the powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the director of public institutions with reference to the state sanatorium for consumptives are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the director of social welfare.

(12) *Act as coordinator of the program for displaced persons for the period beginning July 1, 1949, and ending June 30, 1951.*

(13) The specific enumeration of powers and duties as hereinabove set forth shall in no way be construed to be a

limitation upon the general transfer of powers herein contained.

Approved April 25, 1949.

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CHAPTER 705—S. F. No. 128

*An act relating to the special compensation fund and payments to be made therefrom; amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 176.13, as amended.*

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 176.13, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 90, is amended to read :

**176.13. Disability or death resulting from accident; increase of previous disability; special compensation fund.** If an employee receives an injury which of itself would cause only permanent partial disability, but which, combined with a previous disability, does in fact cause permanent total disability, the employer shall only be liable for the permanent partial disability caused by the subsequent injury.

(a) In addition to compensation for such permanent partial disability and after cessation of the payments for the prescribed period of weeks, the employee shall be paid by the state the remainder of the compensation that would be due for permanent total disability, as provided for by Section 176.11, clause (d), out of a special fund known as the special compensation fund.

(b) All employees who are now receiving, or who may hereafter become entitled to receive, compensation for permanent total disability, whether from the employer or from the special fund, after receiving the full amount of \$10,000 for such disability, shall be paid from the fund an additional sum of not to exceed \$5,000, in the same manner and with the same limitations, except as to amounts, at the rate of *two-thirds* of the wages they were receiving at the time of the injury which rendered them permanently totally disabled, subject to a maximum of \$20 per week and a minimum of \$13.50 per week, but the full amount of their wages if at the time of such

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