

CHAPTER 902—S. F. No. 351

An act relating to blind assistance; contributions to support by relatives; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 256.50, Subdivision 3.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 256.50, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Blind assistance; contributions by relatives.** If any time during the continuance of any assistance granted under sections 256.49 to 256.71 the state agency or county agency finds that any spouse, ~~parent or child~~ of any recipient receiving assistance *or parent of a minor child receiving assistance* is able to contribute to the necessary care and support of such recipient without undue hardship to himself or his immediate family and such person so able to contribute to the care and support of such recipient fails or refuses to contribute according to his ability to the care and support of such recipient, then, after notice to such person, there shall exist a cause of action against this person for such amount of assistance furnished under sections 256.49 to 256.71 subsequent to such notice, or such part thereof as such person is reasonably able to pay. The action may be ordered by the state agency or county agency and shall be brought in the name of the county by the county attorney of the county in which such assistance was granted, or by the state agency against this person for the recovery of such amount of assistance granted after the notice provided in this subdivision, together with the costs and disbursements of the action.

Approved June 3, 1969.

CHAPTER 903—S. F. No. 421

An act relating to training of workers for rehabilitation of blind persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 248.07, Subdivision 14.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1967, Section 248.07, Subdivision 14, is amended to read:

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Subd. 14. **Blind persons, training of workers for rehabilitation of blind.** From funds provided by the state or the United States for the rehabilitation of blind persons, the commissioner of public welfare may make provision for:

(1) Specialized supplementary training of professional workers employed by services for the blind, which shall consist of selected courses of study designed to improve worker techniques in providing assistance with adjustment to blindness, guidance, training and vocational placement services to blind children and adults;

(2) The employment of student trainees enrolled in graduate school programs. Such trainees to be employed on a one-third time basis during the regular school term and on a full time basis during the extra school term. Student trainees shall not be counted against the regular staff complement and shall not exceed ~~four~~ *eight* in number employed concurrently.

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CHAPTER 904—S. F. No. 423

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An act relating to the counties of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin; authorizing the establishment of a pilot program of group homes for the mentally ill, mentally retarded, and juvenile delinquents; appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. [245.691] **Lakeland area program board; community mental health program.** Subdivision 1. In order to better ascertain the effectiveness of caring for the mentally ill, mentally retarded, and juvenile delinquents in a small home-personalized environment as opposed to institutional care, the counties of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin may, as a pilot program, establish not more than ten group homes, nor more than two of which shall be located in any one of the above enumerated counties, for the care and rehabilitation of the mentally ill, mentally retarded, and juvenile delinquents.

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