

CHAPTER 701—S. F. No. 991

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An act providing for a receiving home and treatment center for dependent or neglected children, and appropriating money therefor.

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

Section 1. [260.41] **Minnesota State Children's Center.** There is hereby established the Minnesota State Children's Center, hereinafter referred to as the Center, which shall be a receiving home and treatment center for the purpose of giving special care and treatment to dependent or neglected children, and which shall be located in the county of Ramsey.

Sec. 2. [260.42] **Control, management.** The Center shall be under the general control and management of the director of social welfare.

Sec. 3. [260.43] **Superintendent.** The director of social welfare shall appoint the superintendent of the Center, who shall be the chief executive officer thereof.

Sec. 4. [260.44] **Persons admitted.** There shall be admitted to the Center only children who have been committed as dependent or neglected children to the director of social welfare, or who have been placed under the temporary custody of a county welfare board by court order, or who have been committed to an association accredited by law to receive and place children; and, whom the director of social welfare shall determine may benefit from the care, training, and treatment provided at the Center.

Sec. 5. [260.45] **Costs, payment.** The costs of care, excluding clothing, medical, and other personal needs, for children committed as dependent or neglected to the director of social welfare and for children who have been placed under temporary custody of a county welfare board by court order shall be paid one-half by the state and one-half by the county of commitment. Clothing, medical, and other personal needs shall be paid by the county of commitment for children committed as dependent or neglected to the director of social welfare, subject to reimbursement of the state's share of costs as set forth in sections 260.38 and 260.39. Clothing, medical, and other personal needs shall be paid for by the county of commitment for children under temporary custody of county welfare boards. The full costs of care for children committed to an association accredited by law to receive and place children shall be paid to the state in advance by such association.

Sec. 6. [260.46] **Acquisition of land for use as center.**

The director of social welfare is authorized to acquire by purchase with the approval of the governor, gift, or condemnation, a suitable tract of land in Ramsey County for the construction of the Center, not to exceed four acres in area. The director of public institutions is hereby authorized to transfer, with the approval of the governor, to the custody and control of the director of social welfare, any specific part of the land of any public institution not needed by such institution to be used as a site for the Center.

Sec. 7. The effective date of this act shall be July 1, 1953.

Approved April 24, 1953.

CHAPTER 702—S. F. No. 993

An act relating to old age assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.18, as amended.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1949, Section 256.18, as amended by Laws 1951, Chapter 118 and Chapter 225, is amended to read:

256.18 Pensioners, disqualification. No old age assistance shall be paid a person:

(1) While or during the time he is an inmate of, and receives gratuitously all the necessities of life from any public institution maintained by the United States, or any state or any of the political subdivisions of a state; while he is a patient in tuberculosis or mental institution; or while he is a patient in a medical institution as a result of diagnosis of tuberculosis or psychosis; provided, however, that part or all of any old age assistance may be paid to patients of public or private medical institutions other than those herein excluded, subject to rules and regulations made by the state agency;

(2) If the net value of his property or the net value of the combined property of husband and wife exceeds \$7,500; or if the net value of his assets convertible into cash exceeds \$300 or the combined convertible assets of husband and wife exceed \$450. The county agency in its discretion may permit eligibility of an applicant having liquid assets in excess of this amount when the liquidation of the assets would cause undue loss; provided, that household goods and furniture in use in the home, wearing apparel, *personal property used as a regular abode by*