

public authorities may grant permits for public dancing as herein provided."

Approved April 22, 1925.

CHAPTER 303—H. F. No. 320

An act providing for the care of children unsuitable for adoption.

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

Section 1. Care of children unsuitable for adoption.—Whenever a juvenile court shall find a child to be dependent and it appears that such child is not at the time a proper subject for commitment to the state school for feeble-minded, but is so handicapped physically or mentally that he cannot be admitted to the state public school or be placed in a home for adoption, the court may commit such child to the care of the state board of control as a child unsuitable for adoption in order that he may receive specialized study, treatment, and care designed to fit him, if possible, to be placed out for adoption or to become self-supporting. A dependent child may be adjudged to be a child unsuitable for adoption when it appears (a) That he is the offspring of incestuous cohabitation; (b) That one or both of his parents are feeble-minded or insane, and the mental status of the child is as yet undetermined; (c) That he is crippled or deformed or afflicted with tuberculosis, venereal diseases, or other contagious or offensive disease that renders his presence a menace to others; (d) That he is affected by habits, ailments, or handicaps that produce erratic and unstable conduct.

Sec. 2. Duties of Board of Control.—Thereafter it shall be the duty of the board of control through the children's bureau and child welfare boards to arrange for such tests, examinations, and investigations as are necessary for the proper diagnosis, classification, treatment, care and disposition of the child as necessity and the best interests of the child shall from time to time require. The facilities of the departments and state institutions for handicapped children under the management of the board, the Minnesota general hospital and its psychopathic department, as well as the facilities available through reputable clinics and public and private child-caring agencies certified by the board may be used as the particular needs of the child may demand. Except for special observation and treatment the child shall not be kept in a hospital or institution, but shall be placed in a suitable family home under the supervision of the board of control or its county child welfare boards, or of an agency certified by the board of control to select and supervise boarding homes. It is the purpose of this act that the child unsuitable for adoption shall have the advantages of normal home life

and that he shall enjoy in an approved family home the personal care and training which ought to be given by his parents. Provided, that if the board of control is satisfied that the child is feeble-minded it may bring him before the probate court of the county of his residence for examination and commitment.

Sec. 3. Board of Control to be guardian.—Whenever it appears that the handicaps of such child are removed the board of control is empowered to place him in the state public school for adoption, or to consent to his adoption if placed by a certified child-placing agency. When the child shall reach the age of eighteen years, the guardianship of the board of control shall cease, and if he is not self-supporting he shall be returned to the county and place of his residence for care by the authorities charged with poor relief.

Sec. 4. Board of Control to file statement.—The Board of Control shall on or before the first day of August of each year file with the State Auditor a verified account for the fiscal year ending the 30th of June next preceding. Such account shall contain an itemized statement of the expense charged against each child, together with the name of the county from which he was committed.

Sec. 5. Counties to pay one half of cost.—Each county shall be chargeable with one-half the expense incurred by the board of control on account of each child committed to it by such county, and on or before the first of October in each year the state auditor shall certify to each county the amount due from it to the state for each such child for the fiscal year ending the 30th day of June next preceding; and the total amount due from such county for all such children for which it is chargeable during said fiscal year shall be a special charge against such county and shall be certified, levied and collected with the general taxes and paid into the state treasury.

Sec. 6. Effective July 1, 1925.—This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1st, 1925.

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CHAPTER 304—H. F. No. 458.

(Sec. 2026, G. S. 1923.)

An act providing for the assessment and taxation of the shares of stock of banks organized under the laws of the United States and of banks and mortgage loan companies organized under the laws of this state, and repealing Chapter 416, Laws of 1921, and other acts inconsistent herewith.