

the state reformatory shall be designated and set apart by the director of public institutions for the care of feeble-minded persons.

Subd. 2. **Accommodate feeble-minded persons.** During the period from *June 30, 1947*, to *June 30, 1949*, all feeble-minded persons now institutionalized and who have been committed by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or who may hereafter be committed by such court to an institution may be transferred out of such institution for the feeble-minded to the state reformatory; and all laws relating to the commitment and care of such feeble-minded persons so transferred to the state reformatory shall be applicable to such persons.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after June 30, 1947.

Approved March 10, 1947.

CHAPTER 81—H. F. No. 588

An act relating to the commitment of dependent or neglected children to the care of the Director of Social Welfare, and to amend Minnesota Statutes 1945, Sections 260.11 and 260.38.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 260.11, is hereby amended to read as follows:

260.11. Commitment to director or state public school; hospital and medical care; consent of parents; continuance; final commitment, notice. When any child shall be found to be dependent or neglected within the meaning of sections 260.01 to 260.34 the court may make an order committing the child to the care of the director of social welfare, or to the care of some reputable citizens of good moral character, or to the care of some association willing to receive it, embracing in its objects the purpose of caring for or obtaining homes for dependent or neglected children, which association shall have been accredited as provided by law. In appropriate cases the child may be left with the parents subject to such remedial supervision as the court may direct. The court may continue the hearing from time to time without making an

order of final commitment, as above provided for, and may make an order placing the child in the temporary care or custody of the county welfare board or an association accredited as provided by law. The court may, when the health or condition of the child shall require it, authorize the county welfare board to provide special medical or remedial care or treatment for the child, including care in a public or private hospital, if necessary, at the expense of the county. In no case shall a dependent child be taken from its parents without their consent unless, after diligent effort has been made to avoid such separation, the same shall be found needful in order to prevent serious detriment to the welfare of such child. Before making an order of final commitment to the director of social welfare, provided for by this section, the court shall consider such evidence, report, or recommendation as the county welfare board may make concerning the case. Upon making an order of commitment to the director of social welfare, the judge or clerk shall mail or deliver a copy thereof to the director of social welfare, and the child shall be delivered by order of the court to the county welfare board, as the representative of the director of social welfare, to be cared for as directed by the director of social welfare. If the child is committed to the guardianship of an association, accredited by law to receive children for care and place them in private homes, the child shall be transported at the expense of the county by order of the court to the place designated by such association for the care of the child. The parent or attorney for any such child committed, may petition the juvenile court which made the commitment for the discharge of the child.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 260.38, is hereby amended to read as follows:

260.38. **Necessary cost to be paid by county.** In addition to the usual care and services given by public and private agencies, the necessary cost incurred by the director of social welfare in providing care for such child shall be paid by the county committing such child which, subject to uniform regulations established by the director of social welfare, may receive a reimbursement not exceeding one-half of such costs from funds made available for this purpose by the legislature.

Sec. 3. **Effective date.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 1947.

Approved March 10, 1947.