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CHAPTER 244

AN ACT to amend 46.04 (1) and (2); and to create 46.04 (3) of the statutes, relating to the Wisconsin diagnostic center.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 46.04 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

46.04 (1) There shall be constructed near the Wisconsin general hospital a hospital type building to be known as the "Wisconsin Diagnostic Center" which shall be equipped and serviced for the temporary residence and diagnosis of persons committed to the services or institutions under the jurisdiction of the state department of public welfare, except that those patients committed to the Mendota state hospital and the Winnebago state hospital may be transferred to the diagnostic center only upon recommendation of the superintendent of such hospital and approval of the department director. The department director may also authorize the center to receive any minor for precommitment study upon request of the judge of any juvenile court in which a case is pending. The diagnostic center and its services shall be administered by the state department of public welfare and shall be staffed in its diagnostic services by professionally qualified persons appointed from the teaching staff of the

medical school of the university by the dean of the medical school of the university.

(2) The diagnostic center shall be so administered as to furnish a complete physical and mental inventory of * * * *an* individual committed to the care and custody of the department of public welfare *upon referral by the director*, thereby assuring * * * *placement in* the institution best suited to care for * * * *the* particular case, development of the most effective curative or rehabilitative procedures in such case, and the most effective coordination of all the institutional facilities provided by the state. For the purposes of co-ordination between the department of public welfare and the medical school of the university an administrative committee is created to be composed of the president of the university, the chairman of the state board of public welfare, the dean of the medical school, and the director of * * * public welfare.

SECTION 2. 46.04 (3) of the statutes is created to read:

46.04 (3) Liability of a patient or relative under s. 46.10 for care and maintenance at the diagnostic center shall be at the same rate as charged for the institution from which the patient was transferred, and any collections shall be prorated with the county of legal settlement based on such rate. When a patient is transferred directly from the diagnostic center to the Wisconsin general hospital the provisions of s. 46.115 shall apply.

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