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A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROPER SUPERVISION OF THE STATE INSTITUTIONS, AMENDATORY OF CHAPTERS 2 OF TITLE XI, AND 4, 6 AND 7 OF TITLE XII OF THE CODE, AND REPEALING CHAPTERS 21 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND 72, 97 AND 98 OF THE ACTS OF THE SEVENTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* It is hereby made the duty of the president of the board of trustees of each of the state institutions, except the agricultural college, to transmit to the governor, on or before the tenth day of each month, a detailed statement of all the expenditures of such institution for the preceding month, with vouchers or duplicate vouchers therefor, and a sworn statement by the superintendent of the number of inmates supported at such institution for each day of such month. He shall accompany the same with a requisition on the auditor of state for the amount needed for support of such institution as hereinafter provided. The governor shall cause such accounts of expenditures, with the vouchers therefor, to be examined, and if any of such expenditures be found to have been made without authority of law, or clearly excessive in amount, he shall disallow such item or items, and cause the president of such board to be notified thereof, and such voucher or vouchers to be returned to him, with instructions to cause the amount thus wrongfully disbursed to be reimbursed to such support fund. Any officer of such institution refusing to make such reimbursement, or neglecting to do so within sixty days after demand, shall cease to be such officer, and shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and be punished accordingly.

SEC. 2. The governor shall approve such requisition for the amount he may deem needed for the uses of such institution for the month, whereupon the auditor of state will draw his warrant for the amount thus approved.

SEC. 3. The largest amount that may be drawn for the support of the several public institutions coming within the purview of this act is as follows: For each of the average number of persons supported during the preceding month at such institutions, such average to be

4 ascertained by aggregating the daily attendance, and dividing the sum thereof by the num
 5 ber of days in the month, to-wit: The institution for the support and education of the de
 6 af and dumb, nine dollars; the college for the blind, ten dollars; the hospitals for the insane
 7 fourteen dollars; home for soldiers' orphans and indigent children, eight and one-third dollar
 8 reform school, eight dollars; asylum for feeble-minded children, ten dollars: *provided*, th
 9 there may also be allowed to the college for the blind, and the institution for the deaf ar
 10 dumb, each, the additional sum of six hundred and sixty-six and two-thirds dollars monthl
 11 *and provided further*, that should the proper disbursing officer of any institution have in h
 12 hands, of support funds, at the end of any month, an amount greater, after all expenditur
 13 of such month have been met, than the maximum amount hereby allowed for the support
 14 of such institution for one month, then no requisition shall be made for support during the su
 15 ceeding month.

SEC. 4. In computing the average number supported at the various institutions, non-resi
 2 dents of the state, or those who were non-residents at the time of their admission, are n
 3 to be counted.

SEC. 5. The funds provided for by this act shall be known as "the support funds" of th
 2 several institutions; separate accounts whereof shall be kept, and such funds shall be us
 3 only for the support and safe-keeping of the inmates of the several institutions, and for su
 4 pplying school-books, maps, and school apparatus, and for paying the compensation of th
 5 necessary officers and employees; and for the college for the blind, and the institution for th
 6 support and education of the deaf and dumb, the procurement of furniture as the same ma
 7 be needed; and such support fund shall in no case be used for making permanent improv
 8 ments of any kind.

SEC. 6. Sections 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764 and 765 of the Code are hereby made applic
 2 ble to all state institutions, and to the governing boards thereof, and to the individual regent
 3 directors and trustees constituting such boards, and also the officers of such institutions; an
 4 the members of any such boards who shall persistently use the public funds for purpose
 5 other than those contemplated in the act or acts appropriating such funds, may be remove
 6 from office by the governor, with the approval of the executive council; and the govern
 7 shall appoint suitable persons to fill the vacancies thus made, to hold office until the next ses
 8 sion of the general assembly.

SEC. 7. The stewards of the hospitals for the insane, the principal of the college for th
 2 blind and the superintendents of the institutions of the deaf and dumb, the home for soldiers
 3 orphans' and indigent children, the asylum for feeble-minded children, and the reform
 4 schools, or such other officer as the respective boards of trustees, except those of the hospitals

for the insane, may designate, shall be the disbursing officer for such institution, and he shall give bond in at least twice the amount that will probably be in his hands at any one time.

SEC. 8. As soon as this act shall take effect the treasurers of the various institutions named in the preceding section shall each proceed to make settlement with the governing board of the institution with which he is officially connected, and shall turn over all balances in his hands belonging to such institution to the proper disbursing officer thereof; and from and after the taking effect of this act, except for the purpose of making such final adjustment and payment, the office of treasurer at each of the institutions named in the preceding section is abolished.

SEC. 9. Sections 1390, 1630, 1675, 1676, 1692 and 1693 of the Code; chapter 21 of the public laws of the fifteenth general assembly; and chapters 72, 97 and 98 of the acts of the seventeenth general assembly, are hereby repealed.