

CHAPTER 18.

[Engrossed House Bill No. 490.]

INTERLAKE SCHOOL FOR MENTALLY DEFICIENT PERSONS.

AN ACT relating to institutions; providing for the establishment of the Interlake School for mentally deficient persons; and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Public institutions. Interlake school for mentally deficient.

Section 1. The director of institutions is authorized to utilize at the Eastern State Hospital, surplus physical facilities as an institution for mentally deficient persons eligible for admission or admitted to a state institution. The institution authorized by this act shall be known as the "Interlake School".

Facilities designated.

Sec. 2. The director of institutions is authorized to designate and select such buildings and facilities and tracts of land at the Eastern State Hospital, which are surplus to the needs of the department of institutions for mentally ill persons, and which are reasonably necessary and adequate for a school for mentally deficient persons. The director of institutions shall also designate those buildings, equipment and facilities which are to be used jointly and mutually by both the Eastern State Hospital and the Interlake School for mentally deficient persons.

Superintendent—Appointment.

Sec. 3. The superintendent of the Interlake School for mentally deficient persons shall be appointed by the director and shall have such administrative experience and possess such qualifications as shall be determined by the state personnel board subject to the advice and approval of the director.

Superintendent—Powers and duties.

Sec. 4. The superintendent shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

(1) Subject to the rules and regulations of the department and the state personnel board, he shall appoint all subordinate officers and employees.

(2) Subject to the rules and regulations of the department, he shall supervise and manage the school, grounds, buildings and equipment, the subordinate officers and employees, and the persons committed, admitted or transferred to such school and shall have custody of such persons until they are released, discharged or transferred as provided by law.

(3) He shall be the custodian of the personal property of all residents of the school subject to the provisions of RCW 72.33.180 as now or hereafter amended.

(4) Subject to the approval of the director, he shall be authorized to establish such industrial, vocational, educational or training programs as would be most beneficial to the residents of such school.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this act, he shall administer the institution in accordance with the provisions of chapter 72.33 RCW.

Sec. 5. The director of institutions shall be authorized to admit to the Interlake School for mentally deficient persons, any mentally deficient person eligible for admission to any state residential school for such persons. He shall be further authorized to transfer to such institution, persons admitted to other state residential schools or persons committed to state hospitals who are in need of care, treatment and training for mental deficiency. Admissions.

Sec. 6. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed the House March 14, 1967.

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Approved by the Governor April 6, 1967.