

CHAPTER 618—H. F. No. 1625

An act relating to the powers and duties of the director of social welfare; providing for the suspension under certain circumstances of the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Chapter 261, as amended, 262, and 263; and amending Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 256.01, Subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1945, Section 256.01, Subdivision 2, is amended to read as follows :

Subd. 2. **Specific powers enumerated.** The director of social welfare shall :

(1) Administer and supervise all forms of public assistance in the state including general relief, relief to transients and state homeless, relief to veterans, old age assistance, aid to dependent children, aid to the blind and otherwise handicapped persons and such other welfare activities or services as may from time to time be vested in the director. Nothing herein shall transfer from the soldiers home board any of its present rights, powers, or duties, all of which shall continue to be exercised by said board.

(2) Administer and supervise all child welfare activities; promote the enforcement of laws protecting defective, illegitimate, dependent, neglected and delinquent children; license and supervise private child-caring and child-placing agencies and institutions; supervise the care of children in board and foster homes or in private institutions and generally perform all functions relating to the field of child welfare now vested in the state board of control.

(3) Administer and supervise all mental hygiene work involving persons not in a state institution. The authority and power conferred by this subdivision does not extend to administration or supervision of state institutions of mental hygiene nor to patients therein during the period of actual confinement, nor to mental testing, or to persons feeble-minded, epileptic, or mentally ill on parole from state institutions.

(4) Administer and supervise all non-institutional services to the handicapped persons, including the blind, the

deaf, the tubercular, the crippled, and otherwise handicapped persons. The authority and power conferred by this subdivision shall include such non-institutional services to the handicapped as are now authorized to be performed by the state board of control and by the division of the deaf of the state industrial commission.

(5) Assist and actively cooperate with other departments, agencies and institutions, local, state, and federal, by performing services in conformity with the purposes of Laws 1939, Chapter 431, including the establishment of an efficient working relationship with the director of institutions relating to the care and supervision of individuals both prior to and after departure from institutions under the supervision of said director of institutions.

(6) *a.* Act as the agent of and cooperate with the federal government in matters of mutual concern relative to and in conformity with the provisions of Laws 1939, Chapter 431, including the administration of any federal funds granted to the state to aid in the performance of any functions of the director as specified in Laws 1939, Chapter 431.

b. Enter into contracts and agreements with the federal government, through its appropriate agency or instrumentality, whereby the State of Minnesota shall receive federal grants-in-aid or other benefits for public assistance or public welfare purposes under any act or acts of Congress heretofore or hereafter enacted; provided that in a grant-in-aid program established by rule and regulation of the director of social welfare the cost of such a program, in excess of federal fund shall be paid three-fourths from county funds and one-fourth from state funds.

c. Cooperate with the federal government in carrying out the purpose of any federal act pertaining to public assistance or welfare service and in other matters of mutual concern.

(7) Establish and maintain such administrative units as may reasonably be necessary for the performance of administrative functions common to all divisions of the department.

(8) Administer and supervise such additional welfare activities and services as may, from time to time, hereafter be vested by law in the state department.

(9) Establish within his division a bureau of old age assistance, of aid to dependent children, and a bureau of child welfare.

(10) The director is hereby specifically constituted as guardian of both the estate and person of all of the wards of the State of Minnesota and other persons the guardianship of whom has been heretofore vested in the state board of control, whether by operation of law or by an order of court, without any further act or proceeding whatever, except as to persons committed as feebleminded or epileptic. All of said guardianships, and the funds and property of the same, are hereby transferred to and vested in said director, and said director is hereby constituted a legal entity and is hereby empowered to act as guardian under any laws of this state heretofore conferring such powers upon the state board of control.

(11) All the powers and duties vested in or imposed upon the director of public institutions with reference to the state sanatorium for consumptives are hereby transferred to, vested in, and imposed upon the director of social welfare.

(12) The specific enumeration of powers and duties as hereinabove set forth shall in no way be construed to be a limitation upon the general transfer of powers herein contained.

Sec. 2. If, when and during such time as grants-in-aid are provided by the federal government for relief of the poor and accepted by this state, such aid shall be administered pursuant to and in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated and adopted by the director of social welfare; and during such time any provision of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Chapter 261, as amended by Laws 1947, Chapter 546, of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Chapter 262, and of Minnesota Statutes 1945, Chapter 263 in conflict with such rules and regulations shall be and remain, to the extent of such conflict, inoperative and suspended.

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CHAPTER 619—H. F. No. 1691

[Coded as Section 272.16]

An act relating to the division of assessed valuation upon the transfer of a specific part of a parcel as assessed and charged in the tax lists.