

CRIPPLED CHILDREN, MAINTENANCE OF

Act of Jun. 7, 1923, P.L. 677, No. 276

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No.311 and June 3, 1933, P.L.1449, No.312)

AN ACT

To provide for the care, treatment, and maintenance of dependent, crippled children; conferring powers in connection therewith upon the Department of Public Welfare and juvenile courts; and imposing certain expenses upon counties.

Compiler's Note: The Department of Public Welfare, referred to in this act, was redesignated as the Department of Human Services by Act 132 of 2014.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That crippled children whose parents or guardians fail or are financially unable to provide suitable medical and surgical aid, treatment, and education, when necessary, may, with the consent of the parents or guardian of such child, be committed to a crippled children's home or orthopedic hospital or other institution. Application for such care, treatment, and education shall first be made to the juvenile court by a parent, guardian, or some interested person. If such court is of the opinion that such child is in need of treatment and education, and finds that the parent or guardian fails to provide it, he may make an order committing the child to an institution as above specified, and shall at once forward a copy of the decree and a statement of the facts to the Department of Public Welfare, and shall provide for the child's conveyance, in charge of a suitable person, to the place designated for treatment. The expenses for maintenance, treatment, conveyance, and education of such crippled child shall be first paid by the county of its residence and then may be charged to the parent or guardian, if able to pay, in whole or in part, as the court may direct. Such committance shall be temporary, and shall be only for the period necessary for the treatment of such child.

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Section 2. Whenever it appears that a crippled child has been successfully treated, or that it cannot be further benefited by such treatment, the Department of Public Welfare and the committing court shall be notified, and the child shall be returned to its own people.

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