
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 396 Session of
1979

Report of the Committee of Conference

To the Members of the House of Representatives and Senate:

We, the undersigned, Committee of Conference on the part of the House of Representatives and Senate for the purpose of considering House Bill No. 396, entitled:

"An act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), entitled 'An act to consolidate, editorially revise and codify the public welfare laws of the Commonwealth,' providing for prior authorization for certain medical assistance services; MAKING A REPEAL AND PROVIDING FOR THE LEASING OR SUBLEASING OF CERTAIN HOSPITALS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS."

respectfully submit the following bill as our report:

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(Committee on the part of the House of Representatives)

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 18, 1949 (P.L.599, No.126), entitled
2 "An act establishing, within the limits of Philadelphia, the
3 Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute as a State
4 institution; providing for a board of trustees and a medical
5 advisory board therefor; conferring powers and imposing duties
6 upon the Department of Property and Supplies, the Department of
7 Welfare, the board of trustees and the medical advisory board,"
8 further providing for treatment of patients; authorizing the
9 leasing of certain property and further providing for certain
10 agreements.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 1, act of April 18, 1949 (P.L.599,
14 No.126), entitled "An act establishing, within the limits of
15 Philadelphia, the Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute as
16 a State institution; providing for a board of trustees and a
17 medical advisory board therefor; conferring powers and imposing
18 duties upon the Department of Property and Supplies, the
19 Department of Welfare, the board of trustees and the medical
20 advisory board," amended October 19, 1967 (P.L.458, No.215), is
21 amended to read:

22 Section 1. There is hereby directed to be established and
23 erected, at a site within the limits of the City of Philadelphia
24 to be designated by the Department of Public Welfare with the
25 approval of the Governor, the Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric
26 Institute. [The institute shall accept patients with mental,
27 neurological and related disorders who present special problems
28 in diagnosis and treatment, including those transferred by the
29 department from other State Hospitals.] It shall provide
30 training and teaching to graduate and undergraduate students in
31 the mental health field and shall conduct research into the
32 causes, prevention, treatment and cure of mental, neurological

1 and related disorders. Through the department, the institute may
2 enter into agreements specifying the terms and conditions under
3 which one or more medical schools selected by the Secretary of
4 Public Welfare may be associated with the institute in providing
5 diagnosis, treatment, training, teaching and research. Such
6 agreements may provide for the transfer of responsibility by the
7 department for the management and operation of the institute in
8 whole or in part.

9 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

10 Section 3.1. The Department of General Services, with the
11 approval of the Governor, is authorized to lease or sublease,
12 all or part of the land and buildings known as the Eastern
13 Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute, and equipment therein, as
14 appropriate to medical schools selected by the Secretary of
15 Public Welfare upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary
16 of the Department of General Services may prescribe.

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.