

the addresses of debtor and secured party given in the statement. *The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall not be required to index the statement according to the name of the secured party.*

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Act effective
immediately.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 551

AN ACT

To promote the welfare of the people of the Commonwealth; creating a body corporate and politic to be known as the Commonwealth Mental Health Research Foundation for the purpose of supporting, encouraging and financing research in the field of mental health; providing for the administration and operation of the Foundation.

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

Commonwealth
Mental Health
Research Founda-
tion Act.

Section 1. Short Title.—This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Commonwealth Mental Health Research Foundation Act.”

Creation.

Section 2. Commonwealth Mental Health Research Foundation.—There is hereby created a body corporate and politic constituting a public corporation and governmental instrumentality known as the “Commonwealth Mental Health Research Foundation.” The Foundation shall be administered exclusively in accordance with the provisions of this act. The Foundation is hereby constituted an instrumentality of the Commonwealth and the exercise by the Foundation of powers and duties conferred upon it by this act shall be deemed and held to be an essential governmental function of the Commonwealth.

Purpose.

Section 3. Purpose of the Foundation.—It shall be the purpose of the Foundation to support, encourage and finance research of every nature and description in the field of mental health including all aspects thereof or related thereto and to train men in the field of mental health including all aspects thereof or related thereto.

Powers and
duties of the
Foundation.

Section 4. Powers and Duties of the Foundation.—The Foundation shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) It shall maintain a principal office at such place as shall be designated by the Secretary of Welfare.

(b) It may contract and be contracted within its own name.

(c) It may sue and be sued in its own name, plead and be impleaded: Provided, however, That any and all actions at law or in equity against it shall be brought only in Dauphin County.

(d) It shall have an official seal.

(e) It shall make necessary by-laws, rules and regulations for the management and regulation of its affairs and it shall have the power and authority to acquire, own, use, hire, lease, operate and dispose of personal property, real property and interests in real property and to make and enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers under this act and to employ such employes as may, in the judgment of the Board of Trustees, be necessary and to fix their compensation.

(f) It shall not be required to pay any taxes or assessments on any property acquired or used by it.

Section 5. Board of Trustees.—(a) The Foundation shall be administered by a board of eleven (11) trustees consisting of the Governor, the Secretary of Welfare and nine (9) trustees appointed by the Governor for terms of three (3) years each and until their respective successors shall be duly appointed and qualified. Of the original appointed trustees the terms of three (3) shall expire on December 31, 1957, the terms of three (3) shall expire on December 31, 1958, and the terms of three (3) shall expire on December 31, 1959. Any trustee may be reappointed. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the unexpired term.

Board of
Trustees.

(b) The members of the board shall not be entitled to any compensation for their services as members.

(c) Six (6) members of the board shall constitute a quorum and any action taken by a majority of a quorum present at a duly convened meeting of the board shall be the legal action of the board.

(d) The Secretary of Welfare shall be the chairman of the board and the Foundation shall have such other officers as the board deems necessary.

(e) The board shall meet regularly at least once each month and specially upon the call of the chairman.

Section 6. Research Advisory Committee.—The Secretary of Welfare shall appoint a Research Advisory Committee of nine (9) members. In appointing such Committee, the Secretary of Welfare shall select one representative from each of the following six (6) medical schools, colleges or mental institutions having an

Research
Advisory
Committee.

active research department: The School of Medicine of Temple University, the School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State University, the School of Medicine of the University of Pittsburgh, the Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute and Carnegie Institute of Technology. The Research Advisory Committee, subject to approval of the board, shall choose and supervise the projects to be undertaken by the Foundation. The members of the Research Advisory Committee shall not be entitled to any compensation for their services as members but shall be entitled to reimbursement for all necessary expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties as members. The programs of research and of training men in the field of mental health shall be carried out only in Commonwealth institutions under the jurisdiction of the Department of Welfare: Provided, however, That this section shall not be construed to prevent ancillary research or training outside of these institutions so long as the primary program in connection with such ancillary research or training is undertaken is conducted within a Commonwealth institution.

Administration.

Section 7. Administration.—(a) The Board of Trustees shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction to administer the Foundation and no other department, board or officer of the Commonwealth shall have any jurisdiction whatsoever in connection therewith except as set forth in this act.

(b) All monies belonging to the Foundation shall be invested in securities or deposited with depositories subject to the same restrictions as are imposed by law upon the investment or deposit of Commonwealth funds, except that any donor of money or other property may specify that such donation shall be held in the form in which acquired by the board or that such donation shall be invested in or converted into some other specific property or class of investment. So long as the board complies with the instructions of the donor in this regard, it shall be relieved of all liability which may result from the imprudent investment of such monies.

(c) The Board of Trustees shall have general supervisory powers and responsibility for the propriety of all expenditures by the Foundation. All payments for the general cost of administration of the Foundation in excess of three hundred dollars (\$300) shall be made only with the prior approval of the board. All payments for research and training made by the Foundation in excess of three hundred dollars (\$300) shall be made only with the prior approval of the board which shall not approve any such expenditure until it has first been approved by the Research Advisory Committee. The

board shall have the right to approve a future series of payments at one time so long as the specific purpose therefor is known at the time of approval.

(d) The board shall set up a system for the payment of all sums less than three hundred dollars (\$300) upon the approval of a responsible executive officer of the Foundation. Such system shall contain adequate checks so as to insure that no monies are improperly diverted from the Foundation.

(e) There shall be maintained by the Foundation an adequate set of financial books and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting theory and practice.

(f) The financial books and records of the Foundation shall be audited at least once each year by a certified public accountant or firm of certified public accountants who shall report to the board. Such report shall be a public record and a copy thereof shall be furnished to each trustee, the Governor, the Secretary of Welfare, the Attorney General and to such other persons who request copies from the Foundation, for which other copies a charge adequate to cover printing and other related costs may be made.

(g) The fiscal year of the Foundation shall commence on July 1, and end on the following June 30.

(h) The Attorney General and the Secretary of Welfare shall each have the right to examine all phases of the operations of the Foundation, including all of its books and records, at such time and in such manner as they or either of them shall deem necessary.

Section 8. Gifts and Grants to the Foundation.—The Foundation is hereby authorized to accept gifts or grants of money or property of any nature from any source whatsoever. Such gifts and grants may be accepted for the general purposes of the Foundation, for specific purposes within the general purposes of the Foundation or to be held in trust for the benefit of the Foundation with the income to be used for a specific purpose within the general purposes of the Foundation or for the general purposes of the Foundation.

Gifts and grants
to Foundation.

Section 9. Patents.—All discoveries and patentable inventions resulting from the work of the Foundation, or of any employe or person granted financial aid by the Foundation, shall become the property of the Foundation by assignment or other transfer from the discoverer or inventor. Each employe of the Foundation or other person granted financial aid by the Foundation shall be required to sign an agreement agreeing to assign and transfer to the Foundation all of his right, title

Patents.

and interest in any development or patent acquired as a result of such employment or receipt of financial aid before being employed or granted such aid. All royalties or other income received from the use of any such patents or discoveries shall be paid to the Foundation to be used for its general purposes.

Act effective
immediately.

Section 10. Effective Date.—This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 21st day of May, A. D. 1956.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 552

AN ACT

Amending the act of April nine, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," increasing amount of money available for aids and services to blind persons and persons of impaired vision.

The Administrative
Code of 1929.

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

Clause (i),
section 2320, act
of April 9, 1929,
P. L. 177,
amended July 7,
1947, P. L. 1440,
further amended.

Section 1. Clause (i) of section two thousand three hundred twenty, act of April nine, one thousand nine hundred twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," amended July seven, one thousand nine hundred forty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1440), is amended to read:

Section 2320. State Council for the Blind.—The State Council for the Blind shall have the power, and its duties shall be:

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(i) To furnish or make available medical treatment, surgical operations, eye glasses and other necessary aids or services, including transportation, to needy blind