

## No. 317

## AN ACT

HB 2278

Amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31), entitled "An act to consolidate, editorially revise, and codify the public welfare laws of the Commonwealth," gradually providing for the payment by the Commonwealth of expenses of keeping delinquent juveniles in youth development centers.

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

Section 1. Section 346, act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31), known as the "Public Welfare Code," is amended to read:

Section 346. Care and Maintenance; Charges.—The department shall pay all expenses for the care and maintenance of minors committed to any youth development center under its jurisdiction out of appropriations made to the department for such purposes. The department shall establish a per capita daily rate for the care and maintenance of minors in each youth development center, based on operating expenses including a reasonable allowance for depreciation of plant and equipment; and, *until the end of the period ending June 30, 1971*, the county from which any minor was committed shall reimburse the Commonwealth for such care and maintenance in an amount, uniformly established by the department, not to exceed fifty percent of the daily rate. *During the period commencing on July 1, 1971 and ending June 30, 1972, seventy-five percent of the said county expenses shall be borne by the said counties and twenty-five percent of the said county expenses shall be borne by the Commonwealth. During the period commencing July 1, 1972 and ending June 30, 1973, fifty percent of the said county expenses shall be borne by the said counties and fifty percent of the said county expenses shall be borne by the Commonwealth. During the period commencing July 1, 1973 and ending June 30, 1974, twenty-five percent of the said county expenses shall be borne by the said counties and seventy-five percent of the said county expenses shall be borne by the Commonwealth. Commencing on July 1, 1974 and annually thereafter, the total of such county expenses shall be borne by the Commonwealth.* Amounts due from counties shall be paid to the Department of Revenue by orders to be drawn by the duly authorized agent of the Department of Revenue at each youth development center on the treasurers of such counties, who shall accept and pay the same to the Department of Revenue. Promptly after the last calendar day of each month the agent of the Department of Revenue shall mail accounts to the commissioners of such counties as may have become liable to the Commonwealth during the month under the provisions of this section. These accounts shall be duly sworn or affirmed to, and it shall be the duty of said commissioners,

immediately upon receipt of such accounts, to notify the treasurers of their respective counties of the amounts of said accounts, with instructions to pay promptly to the Department of Revenue the amounts of said orders when presented. It shall then be the duty of such county treasurers to make such payments as instructed by their respective county commissioners.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 6th day of December, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 317.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

*Secretary of the Commonwealth*