

SENATE, No. 161

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 3, 1947

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Referred to Committee on Institutions and Agencies

AN ACT to provide for the establishment of a children's treatment center in the State of New Jersey and for the method of admitting, committing and receiving patients therein, and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

1 WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey by Joint Resolution No. 9 of the one
2 thousand nine hundred and forty-five Legislative Session, accepted from
3 the estate of the late Arthur Brisbane lands and premises located at
4 Allaire, New Jersey, for the purpose of establishing a convalescent home
5 for disabled veterans; and

6 WHEREAS, It has been found impractical to utilize the said lands and prem-
7 ises for this purpose; and

8 WHEREAS, The State of New Jersey is in urgent need of an institution for
9 the observation, care and treatment of minor children suffering from mal-
10 adjustment or nervous and mental disorders; and

11 WHEREAS, The family of the late Arthur Brisbane has consented to permit
12 the State of New Jersey to utilize the said lands and premises at Allaire
13 for this commendable purpose; now, therefore,

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New*
2 *Jersey:*

1 1. There is hereby established and created, within the jurisdiction of the
2 State Board of Control of Institutions and Agencies, an institution to be
3 known as the Children's Treatment Center and which shall be housed and

4 contained in and upon the lands and premises comprising a portion of the
5 estate of the late Arthur Brisbane at Allaire, New Jersey, which said lands
6 and premises were accepted as a gift by the State of New Jersey by the pro-
7 visions of Joint Resolution No. 9 of the Sessions Laws of one thousand nine
8 hundred and forty-five.

1 2. The State Board is authorized and empowered to equip and maintain
2 the Center in an appropriate manner for the admission and commitment of
3 minor children who are seriously maladjusted or have nervous or mental
4 disorders requiring observation, care and treatment.

1 3. Voluntary admissions of minor children, with or without psychosis,
2 shall be upon application of the parents or guardian of the said minor child
3 and upon the certificate of two reputable physicians indicating that such child
4 is seriously maladjusted or suffering from nervous or mental disorders requir-
5 ing observation, care and treatment.

1 4. In the event that a parent or guardian shall fail, neglect or refuse
2 to co-operate in the voluntary admission of any such minor child then such
3 minor child shall be received in the Center on commitment from a court of
4 competent jurisdiction upon application of the Commissioner of the Depart-
5 ment of Institutions and Agencies upon the certificate of two reputable physi-
6 cians indicating that such child is seriously maladjusted or suffering from
7 a mental or nervous disorder which requires observation, care and treatment.

1 5. Any minor child suffering from psychosis shall be admitted or com-
2 mitted to the Center in exactly the same manner as other patients are admit-
3 ted or committed to the several mental hospitals under the jurisdiction of the
4 State Board of Control of Institutions and Agencies.

1 6. Any such minor child admitted or committed to the Center shall be
2 received, observed, maintained, cared for and treated in accordance with its
3 requirements and in exactly the same manner as other patients admitted or
4 committed to the several charitable institutions coming within the jurisdic-
5 tion of the State Board of Control of Institutions and Agencies and shall be
6 conditionally released, transferred or discharged therefrom in accordance
7 with the provisions of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

1 7. Any minor child who has been admitted or committed to any institu-
 2 tion coming within the jurisdiction of the State Board of Control may be
 3 transferred to or from the Center upon order of the commissioner in the
 4 manner provided for in chapter four of Title 30 of the Revised Statutes,
 5 when the commissioner is satisfied that the welfare and best interests of such
 6 child shall be served by such transfer. All minor children shall be admitted
 7 or committed to the Center on forms prescribed and furnished by the De-
 8 partment of Institutions and Agencies.

1 8. The Center shall be under the jurisdiction of a separate board of man-
 2 agers and a superintendent to be appointed in the manner provided for in
 3 section 30:4-1, et seq. of the Revised Statutes, and shall have the same
 4 powers and duties as prescribed in Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

1 9. Except as otherwise provided for herein, all of the provisions of Title
 2 30 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the admission, commitment, treat-
 3 ment and disposition of patients received in the several charitable hospitals
 4 of the State of New Jersey shall apply to and govern the administration of
 5 the affairs of the Center and the observation, care and treatment of minor
 6 children admitted or committed thereto.

1 10. Whenever he shall deem it necessary and proper in the interest of
 2 such child, the Commissioner of Institutions and Agencies, on petition of the
 3 Board of Children's Guardians, may authorize the admission to this Center,
 4 of any child under the care, custody and control of the Board of Children's
 5 Guardians.

1 11. This act shall take effect July first, one thousand nine hundred and
 2 forty-seven.

STATEMENT

The State of New Jersey has long been in need of a unit wherein minor chil-
 dren who are maladjusted or who are suffering from nervous or mental dis-
 orders might be received for observation, care and treatment. Experience indi-
 cates that minor children, so maladjusted, may be placed on an early road to re-

covery if their condition can be diagnosed and treated at an early date. Many such children are without psychosis and therefore, ineligible for care or treatment in any existing State charitable institution.

The purpose of this bill is to provide for the establishment of such a child treatment Center in lands and premises which have already been donated to the State of New Jersey by the estate of the late Arthur Brisbane. The members of the Brisbane family have consented to this use of the facilities at Allaire and it will serve as a fitting memorial to the philanthropy and generosity that impelled the Brisbane family to make this gift to the State of New Jersey.

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