

No. 286

AN ACT

HB 2414

Amending the act of May 14, 1925 (P.L.749, No.408), entitled "An act providing for the establishing and maintenance of a State institution for the care and treatment of indigent children and others afflicted with surgical tuberculosis and allied conditions; and making an appropriation," creating Elizabethtown Hospital for treatment of youth with physical and neuro-developmental disabilities.

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

Section 1. The title and section 1, act of May 14, 1925 (P.L.749, No.408), entitled "An act providing for the establishing and maintenance of a State institution for the care and treatment of indigent children and others afflicted with surgical tuberculosis and allied conditions; and making an appropriation," are amended to read:

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Providing for the establishing and maintenance of a State **[institution for the care and treatment of indigent children and others afflicted with surgical tuberculosis and allied conditions]** *hospital and center to provide ambulatory and inpatient services for the diagnosis, evaluation, treatment and rehabilitation of children and youth under age twenty-one who have physical or neuro-developmental disabilities*; and making an appropriation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That a State **[institution]** *hospital center* is hereby established, to be known as the **[State Hospital for Crippled Children, for the care and vocational training and treatment of indigent children who are afflicted with surgical tuberculosis and allied conditions]** *Elizabethtown Hospital for Children and Youth to provide comprehensive diagnostic and treatment services for children and youth under age twenty-one with physical and neuro-developmental disabilities amenable to medical, surgical and rehabilitative treatment.*

Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

Section 1.1. *The Elizabethtown Hospital for Children and Youth may charge reasonable fees for its services determined in accordance with acceptable hospital practice but may not exclude any patient for lack of financial means to pay for services.*

Section 1.2. *The Elizabethtown Hospital for Children and Youth may collect payments from any third party payor or other persons with financial responsibility for health payments on behalf of patients.*

Section 1.3. *The Elizabethtown Hospital for Children and Youth shall give preference in admission to those patients whose family financial condition before or as the result of appropriate care might*

result in financial hardship as determined by criteria to be established by the Secretary of Health.

APPROVED—The 10th day of December, A. D. 1974.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 286.

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

Secretary of the Commonwealth.