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BUREAU OF MENTAL HEALTH

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§ 2001. Creation; purpose

The Bureau of Mental Health, as heretofore created within the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, shall be responsible for the direction of the mental health programs in the institutions within the department and shall be responsible for the promotion and guidance of mental health programs within the several communities of the State.

1959, c. 360, §§ 1, 2.

§ 2002. Director; duties

The Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections shall appoint, subject to the Personnel Law, a Director of Mental Health. The director shall be a qualified psychiatrist with administration and organization experience and ability.

It shall be the duty of the director to carry out the purposes of the bureau and, in the event of vacancy in the office of the

commissioner or during his absence or disability, the director shall perform such duties and have the same powers as provided by law for the commissioner.

1959, c. 360, § 1; 1961, c. 304, § 11.

§ 2003. Advisory committee; duties

The Governor shall appoint a Committee on Mental Health to consist of 9 members and appoint the chairman. Of the first appointments 3 shall be appointed for one year, 3 for 2 years and 3 for 3 years. Thereafter appointments shall be made for 3 years. In order to insure a broad contact with the problems of the municipalities in the State, the committee shall be composed of members whose chief employment is outside of State Government.

The duties shall be to assist in carrying out the purposes of the Bureau of Mental Health.

1959, c. 360, § 1.