

Public Law 420

CHAPTER 324

AN ACT

To amend the charter of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf, change its name, define its corporate powers, and provide for its organization and administration, and for other purposes.

June 18, 1954
[H. R. 6655]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Columbia Institution for the Deaf, created a body corporate by the Act of Congress approved February 16, 1857, as amended, is hereby continued as a body corporate under the name of Gallaudet College, and hereafter by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession and shall have the powers and be subject to the limitations contained in this Act.

Gallaudet Col-
lege, D. C.

11 Stat. 161,
D. C. Code 31
ch. 10.

SEC. 2. The purposes of Gallaudet College shall be to provide education and training of deaf persons and otherwise to further the education of the deaf.

Purposes.

SEC. 3. (a) Gallaudet College is hereby invested with all the property and the rights of property, and shall have and be entitled to use all authority, privileges, and possessions and all legal rights which it has, or which it had or exercised under any former name, including the right to sue and be sued and to own, acquire, sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of property it may own now or hereafter acquire. Gallaudet College shall also be subject to all liabilities and obligations now outstanding against said corporation under any former name.

Property rights,
etc.

(b) With the approval of the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare the Board of Directors of Gallaudet College may convey fee simple title by deed, convey by quitclaim deed, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of any or all property title to which is vested in the United States, as trustee, for the sole use of Gallaudet College, the Columbia Institution for the Deaf, or any predecessor corporation: *Provided*, That the proceeds of any such disposition shall be considered a part of the capital structure of the corporation, and may be used solely for the acquisition of real estate for the use of the corporation, for the construction, equipment, or improvement of buildings for such use, or for investment purposes, but if invested only the income from the investment may be used for current expenses of the corporation.

SEC. 4. Gallaudet College is authorized to receive by gift, devise, bequest, purchase, or otherwise, property, both real and personal, for the use of said Gallaudet College, or for the use of any of its departments or other units as may be designated in the conveyance or will, and to hold, invest, use, or dispose of such property for such purpose.

Gifts, etc.

SEC. 5. Gallaudet College shall be under the direction and control of a Board of Directors, composed of thirteen members selected as follows: (1) Three public members of whom: one shall be a United States Senator appointed by the President of the Senate; two shall be Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; (2) ten other members, all of whom shall be elected by the Board of Directors, who on the effective date of this Act shall include those persons serving as nonpublic members of the Board of Directors of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf immediately prior to such date, and of whom one shall be elected pursuant to regulations of the Board of Directors on nomination by the Gallaudet College Alumni Association for a term of three years. The members appointed from the Senate and House of Representatives shall be appointed for a term of two years at the beginning of each Congress, shall be eligible for reappointment, and shall serve until their successors are appointed. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill any vacancy in the membership of the Board except for public members. Seven directors shall be a quorum to transact business. The said Board of Directors,

Board of Di-
rectors.

Members.

Quorum.

Removal.

by vote of a majority of its membership, shall have power to remove any member of their body (except the public members) who may refuse or neglect to discharge the duties of a director, or whose removal would, in the judgment of said majority, be to the interest and welfare of said corporation.

Powers.

SEC. 6. The Board of Directors shall have the power to—

(a) make such rules, regulations, and bylaws, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, as may be necessary for the good government of Gallaudet College, for the management of the property and funds of such corporation and for the admission, instruction, care, and discharge of students;

(b) provide for the adoption of a corporate seal and for its use;

(c) fix the date of holding their annual and other meetings;

(d) appoint a president, professors, instructors, and other necessary employees for Gallaudet College, delegate to them such duties as it may deem advisable, fix their compensation, and remove them when, in their judgment, the interest of Gallaudet College shall require it;

(e) elect a chairman and other officers and prescribe their duties and terms of office, and appoint an executive committee to consist of five members, and vest the committee with such of its powers during periods between meetings of the Board as the Board deems necessary;

(f) establish such departments and other units, including a department of higher learning for the deaf, a department of elementary education for the instruction of deaf children, a graduate department, and a research department, as the Board deems necessary to carry out the purpose of Gallaudet College;

(g) confer such degrees and marks of honor as are conferred by colleges and universities generally, and issue such diplomas and certificates of graduation as, in its opinion, may be deemed advisable, and consistent with academic standards;

(h) subject to the provisions of section 7, control expenditures of all moneys appropriated by Congress for the benefit of Gallaudet College; and

(i) control the expenditure and investment of any moneys or funds or property which Gallaudet College may have or may receive from sources other than appropriations by Congress.

GAO, settlement of accounts.

SEC. 7. (a) All financial transactions and accounts of the corporation in connection with the expenditure of any moneys appropriated by any law of the United States for the benefit of Gallaudet College or for the construction of facilities for its use, shall be settled and adjusted in the General Accounting Office.

Annual report.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors of Gallaudet College to have made annually a report to the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare as soon as practicable after the first day of July of each year the condition of the corporation, embracing in said report the number of students of each description received and discharged during the preceding school year and the number remaining, also the branches and type of training and education taught and progress made therein, together with a statement showing the receipts of said corporation and from what sources, and its expenditures and for what objects.

Appropriation.

SEC. 8. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as the Congress may determine necessary for the administration, operation, maintenance, and improvement of Gallaudet College, including sums necessary for student aid and research, for the acquisi-

tion of property, both real and personal, and for the construction of buildings and other facilities for the use of said corporation.

SEC. 9. (a) The following statutes or parts of statutes are hereby repealed:

Repeals.

Sections 4859, 4860, 4861, 4862, 4863, 4865, 4866, 4868, and 4869 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and all amendments thereto (31 D. C. Code, 1951 edition, secs. 1001, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, 1012, 1015, 1017, and 1019).

Chapter 52, volume 13, Statutes at Large, page 45 (31 D. C. Code, 1951 edition, sec. 1002).

The proviso at the end of the first paragraph under the heading "Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb" in chapter 235, volume 21, Statutes at Large, page 259, which appears at pages 275 and 276 and which reads as follows: "*Provided*, That when any indigent applicant for admission to the institution, belonging to the District of Columbia, and being of teachable age, is found on examination by the president of the institution to be of feeble mind, and hence incapable of receiving instruction among children of sound mind, the Secretary of the Interior may cause such person to be instructed in some institution for the education of feeble-minded children in Pennsylvania, or some other State, at a cost not greater for each pupil than is, or may be for the time being, paid by such State for similar instruction, and the sum necessary therefor is appropriated out of the sum above provided for current expenses of the institution."; together with the amendment thereto at the end of the last paragraph under the heading "Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb" in chapter 837, volume 26, Statutes at Large, page 371, which appears at page 393 and which reads as follows: "and hereafter the estimates for this expense shall each year be submitted in the annual estimates for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia" (31 D. C. Code, 1951 edition, sec. 1009).

The second proviso at the end of the first paragraph under the heading "Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb" in chapter 143, volume 22, Statutes at Large, page 603, which appears at pages 625 and 626 and which reads as follows: "*Provided further*, That hereafter the report of said institution shall contain an itemized statement of all employees, the salaries or wages respectively, each of them, and also of all other expenses of said institution" (31 D. C. Code, 1951 edition, sec. 1018).

The last clause of the first proviso and all of the second proviso at the end of the first paragraph under the heading "Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb" in chapter 837, volume 26, Statutes at Large, page 371, which appears at page 393 and which reads as follows: "and hereafter there shall not be admitted to said institution under section forty-eight hundred and sixty-five of the Revised Statutes, nor shall there be maintained after such admission, at any one time from any State or Territory exceeding three deaf-mutes while there are applications pending from deaf-mutes, citizens of States or Territories having less than three pupils in said institution: *Provided further*, That hereafter there shall be included in the annual Book of Estimates a statement showing the number of persons employed each year in this institution and the compensation paid to each" (31 D. C. Code, 1951 edition, secs. 1013 and 1014).

The proviso at the end of the first paragraph under the heading "Current expenses of the Columbia Institution for the Deaf and Dumb" in chapter 546, volume 30, Statutes at Large, page 597, which appears at page 624 and which reads as follows: "*Provided*, That directors appointed under the provisions of section forty-eight hundred and sixty-three of the Revised Statutes of the United States shall

31 USC 71.

remain in office until the appointment and acceptance of office of their successors; and the directors of the institution shall have control of the disbursement of all moneys appropriated by Congress for the benefit of said institution, accounts for which shall be settled and adjusted at the Treasury Department as required by the provisions of section two hundred and thirty-six of the Revised Statutes" (31 D. C. Code, 1951 Ed., sec. 1007).

(b) All other laws and parts of laws, or of the charter heretofore granted, as amended, which are in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 329

June 18, 1954
[H. R. 8044]

AN ACT

To extend the authorization for funds for the hospitalization of certain veterans in the Philippines.

Philippine veter-
ans.
62 Stat. 1210.
50 USC app.
1994.
Hospitalization
grants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of Public Law 865, Eightieth Congress, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. Grants for expenses incident to hospitalization may be made for a period not to exceed ten years to reimburse the Republic of the Philippines for moneys expended for such hospitalization: *Provided*, That the total of such grants for any one calendar year shall not exceed the following amounts: For any year prior to 1955, \$3,285,000; for 1955, \$3,000,000; for 1956, \$2,500,000; for 1957, \$2,000,000; for 1958, \$1,500,000; and for 1959, \$1,000,000."

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Public Law 422

CHAPTER 334

June 21, 1954
[S. 1794]

AN ACT

To reimburse the South Dakota State Hospital for the Insane for the care of Indian patients.

S. Dak. State
Hospital for the
Insane.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the South Dakota State Hospital for the Insane, Yankton, South Dakota, the sum of \$8,124.29, in full satisfaction of its claim against the United States for compensation for services furnished Indian patients from the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Indian Agencies: *Provided*, That no part of the amount appropriated in this Act in excess of 10 per centum thereof shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

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