

An. Code, 1924, sec. 22. 1912, sec. 21. 1904, sec. 21. 1888, sec. 21. 1886, ch. 487, sec. 22. 1910, ch. 715, sec. 21 (p. 188).

24. It shall be mandatory upon the officers or others in charge of such institutions under the supervision of the Board to furnish all information that may be requested by said Board or its Chairman, and give free access to any member thereof and to the Chairman of said Board to visit the insane or feeble-minded in their keeping; any refusal to do so on the part of anyone shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, in the discretion of the court in which the case may be tried. Any member of the Board may visit any sanitarium or other institution where sick or infirm persons are received, cared for or treated, for compensation or free, for the purpose of ascertaining whether insane persons are confined therein without authority and contrary to the provisions of the law. All persons having charge of and connected with any such sanitarium or institution shall permit any member of the Board to have full access to any portion thereof, and shall give such information and afford such facilities for the inspection and inquiry as the member of the Board making such visit may require.

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25. The Board of Mental Hygiene is empowered by sections 17 to 19, 24 to 26, 28, 40 and 42 to 49 to issue compulsory process for the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, to administer oaths and examine persons under oath, and exercise the same powers as belong to a justice of the peace in all cases where, from evidence laid before them, there is reason to believe that any person is wrongfully deprived of his or her liberty, or had been cruelly, improperly or negligently treated in any place or institution or almshouse; but in all cases in which said Board shall take action or determine any question affecting any insane person or persons supposed to be insane, or any institution in which such insane or supposed insane person is confined, the managers of said institution shall have the same right to appeal from said action or determination of said Board as is now allowed by law in cases instituted before justices of the peace of the State; the Board shall be empowered to present the offenders before the grand jury of the city or county in which such offense may have occurred.

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26. The Board shall annually report to the governor in the month of December its acts and proceedings; also a report of all the different institutions, public and private, and whether corporate or under individual management or control, including almshouses and county asylums where the insane or feeble-minded are kept. The report shall include a concise review of the work of the several institutions under the supervision of the Board for the year preceding, and such suggestions and recommendations as to said institutions and as to the general interests of all persons under its supervision as it considers expedient, and information embodying the experience of this country and other countries relative to the best and most successful methods of caring for such persons as come under the supervision of the Board.