

sent a certificate of the orphans' court or county commissioners of the city or county in which such persons respectively reside, and they, their parents or guardians are unable to pay for their maintenance and education in whole or in part; and in case such persons, or any of them, their parents or guardians, are able to pay for such maintenance and education in part, then said visitors shall be at liberty to charge so much as they shall find such persons, their parents or guardians are severally able to pay towards such maintenance and education; but where such persons, their parents or guardians are able to pay in full, the said visitors are permitted to charge such reasonable amount as will cover the expense for the maintenance and education of each person so able to pay; and said visitors shall also be authorized to receive feeble-minded children from other States and the District of Columbia, when there is ample room in said institution for the same, upon such terms and conditions as the board of visitors shall approve; and all moneys so received for board and tuition shall be applied in the maintenance of said institution; and all such idiotic, imbecile or feeble-minded persons who have been, or who shall hereafter be received into said institution free of charge, upon the presentation of a certificate of the orphans' court or county commissioners shall be taken and regarded as wards of the State of Maryland, and all such persons shall remain in the care, custody and control of the visitors of said institution, and the visitors of said institution are hereby authorized to retain all such persons in their care, custody and control at said institution, until such time as in the judgment of said visitors, or a majority of them, the welfare of such persons and the public interest shall justify or call for their release or discharge therefrom, unless otherwise discharged by due process of law.

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