

Public Law 85-870

AN ACT

To incorporate the Big Brothers of America.

September 2, 1958
[S. 3728]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following persons: Charles G. Berwind, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mark Willcox, Junior, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Earle S. Thompson, New York, New York; Archie O. Dawson, New York, New York; Isadore A. Wyner, New York, New York; and their successors, are hereby created and declared to be a body corporate of the District of Columbia, where its legal domicile shall be, by the name of the Big Brothers of America (hereinafter referred to as the corporation) and by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession and the powers, limitations, and restrictions herein contained.

Big Brothers of
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ration.

COMPLETION OF ORGANIZATION

SEC. 2. A majority of the persons named in the first section of this Act are authorized to complete the organization of the corporation by the adoption of a constitution and bylaws, not inconsistent with this Act, and the doing of such other acts (including the selection of officers and employees in accordance with such constitution and bylaws) as may be necessary for such purpose.

PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION

SEC. 3. The purposes of the corporation shall be to aid and assist boys throughout the United States of America and Canada in the solution of their social and economic problems, and assist in their health, educational and character development; to promote the use of the techniques of such assistance developed by the corporation, by other lay and professional agencies and workers, to receive, invest, and disburse funds and to hold property for the purposes of the corporation.

CORPORATE POWERS

SEC. 4. The corporation shall have power—

- (1) to have succession by its corporate name;
- (2) to sue and be sued, complain, and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;
- (3) to adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal;
- (4) to choose such officers, managers, agents, and employees as the business of the corporation may require;
- (5) to adopt, amend, and alter a constitution and bylaws, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State in which the corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (6) to contract and be contracted with;
- (7) to take by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest from any private corporation, association, partnership, firm, or individual and to hold any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation, subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount or kind of property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of property by, a corporation operating in such State;

(8) to transfer, convey, lease, sublease, encumber, and otherwise alienate real, personal, or mixed property; and

(9) to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, or otherwise, subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal and State laws.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE: SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AGENT

SEC. 5. (a) The principal office of the corporation shall be located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, or in such other place as may be later determined by the board of directors, but the activities of the corporation shall not be confined to that place, but may be conducted throughout the various States, Territories, and possessions of the United States and in Canada to the extent permitted by Canadian laws.

(b) The corporation shall have in the District of Columbia at all times a designated agent authorized to accept service of process for the corporation; and notice to or service upon such agent, or mailed to the business address of such agent, shall be deemed notice to or service upon the corporation.

MEMBERSHIP

SEC. 6. Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designations of classes of members shall, except as provided in this Act, be determined as the constitution and bylaws of the corporation may provide. Each member of the corporation shall have the right to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at all meetings of the members of the corporation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: COMPOSITION, RESPONSIBILITIES

SEC. 7. (a) Upon the enactment of this Act the membership of the initial board of directors of the corporation shall consist of the present members of the board of directors of the Big Brothers of America, Incorporated, the corporation described in section 16 of this Act, or such of them as may then be living and are qualified members of said board of directors, to wit:

Justice Tom Clark, Washington, D. C. (honorary);
 Honorable Stuart Garson, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (honorary);
 Honorable Luther W. Youngdahl, Washington, District of Columbia (honorary);
 Charles G. Berwind, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
 Henry J. Benisch, Brooklyn, New York;
 DeVere Bobier, Flint, Michigan;
 J. Carroll Brown, Lansing, Michigan;
 Fielding T. Childress, Saint Louis, Missouri;
 Guy de Puyjalon, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada;
 Robert E. Curry, New York City, New York;
 Jere Gillette, Detroit, Michigan;
 Benjamin van D. Hedges, New York City, New York;
 Honorable Thomas C. Hennings, Junior, Washington, District of Columbia;
 Doctor Kenneth D. Johnson, New York City, New York;
 Charles B. Levinson, Cincinnati, Ohio;
 Walter H. Levy, Providence, Rhode Island;
 Richard Loud, Boston, Massachusetts;
 George O. Ludecke, Junior, Minneapolis, Minnesota;
 Charles E. McMartin, Saginaw, Michigan;
 John McShain, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
 John E. Mangrum, Dallas, Texas;

George Miller, Los Angeles, California;
Nicholas C. Mueller, Baltimore, Maryland;
Herbert Myerberg, Baltimore, Maryland;
Thomas J. Potts, Columbus, Ohio;
Norfleet H. Rand, Saint Louis, Missouri;
G. Ruhland Rebmann, Junior, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
James B. Reese, Los Angeles, California;
Sanford Reider, Cleveland, Ohio;
Thomas A. Rogers, Denver, Colorado;
Robert N. Rosenthal, Cincinnati, Ohio;
Canon John Samuel, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada;
Maurice Schwarz, Junior, Los Angeles, California;
Isadore M. Scott, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
Milton Seaman, New York City, New York;
Nathaniel Sharf, Boston, Massachusetts;
Jay C. Standish, Cleveland, Ohio;
Donald W. Thornburgh, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;
Robert L. Walston, Houston, Texas;
J. Austin White, Cincinnati, Ohio;
Meredith Willson, Los Angeles, California;
Paul Wilson, Detroit, Michigan; and
E. N. Zeigler, Florence, South Carolina.

(b) Thereafter the board of directors of the corporation shall consist of such number as may be prescribed in the constitution of the corporation, and the members of such board shall be selected in such manner (including the filling of vacancies), and shall serve for such terms, as may be prescribed in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(c) The board of directors shall be the managing body of the corporation and shall have such powers, duties, and responsibilities as may be prescribed in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

OFFICERS: ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SEC. 8. (a) The officers of the corporation shall be a chairman of the board of directors, a president, one or more vice presidents (as may be prescribed in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation), a secretary, and a treasurer.

(b) The officers of the corporation shall be elected in such manner and for such terms and with such duties as may be prescribed in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

USE OF INCOME: LOANS TO OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, OR EMPLOYEES

SEC. 9. (a) No part of the income or assets of the corporation shall inure to any of its members, directors, or officers as such, or be distributable to any of them during the life of the corporation or upon its dissolution or final liquidation. Nothing in this subsection, however, shall be construed to prevent the payment of compensation to officers of the corporation in amounts approved by the board of directors of the corporation.

(b) The corporation shall not make loans to its officers, directors, or employees. Any director who votes for or assents to the making of a loan or advance to an officer, director, or employee of the corporation, and any officer who participates in the making of such a loan or advance, shall be jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of such loan until the repayment thereof.

NONPOLITICAL NATURE OF CORPORATION

SEC. 10. The corporation, and its officers and directors as such, shall not contribute to or otherwise support or assist any political party or candidate for public office.

LIABILITY FOR ACTS OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS

SEC. 11. The corporation shall be liable for the acts of its officers and agents when acting within the scope of their authority.

PROHIBITION AGAINST ISSUANCE OF STOCK OR PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS

SEC. 12. The corporation shall have no power to issue any shares of stock or to declare or pay any dividends.

BOOKS AND RECORDS: INSPECTION

SEC. 13. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any authority under the board of directors; and it shall also keep at its principal office a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member entitled to vote, or his agent or attorney, for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

AUDIT OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

SEC. 14. (a) The financial transactions shall be audited annually by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with the principles and procedures applicable to commercial corporate transactions. The audit shall be conducted at the place or places where the accounts of the corporation are normally kept. All books, accounts, financial records, reports, files, and all other papers, things or property belonging to or in use by the corporation and necessary to facilitate the audit shall be made available to the person or persons conducting the audit; and full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositories, fiscal agents, and custodians shall be afforded to such person or persons.

(b) A report of such audit shall be made by the corporation to the Congress not later than six months following the close of each year for which the audit is made. The report shall set forth the scope of the audit and shall include a verification by the person or persons conducting the audit of statements of (1) assets and liabilities, (2) capital and surplus or deficit, (3) surplus or deficit analysis, (4) income and expense, and (5) sources and application of funds. Such report shall not be printed as a public document.

EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO NAME, EMBLEMS, SEALS, AND BADGES

SEC. 15. The corporation and its subordinate divisions shall have the sole and exclusive right to use the name, The Big Brothers of America. The corporation shall have the exclusive and sole right to use or to allow or refuse the use of such emblems, seals, and badges as have heretofore been used by the predecessor New York corporation, Big Brothers of America, Incorporated, described in section 16 of this title and the right to which may be transferred to the corporation.

TRANSFER OF ASSETS

SEC. 16. The corporation may acquire the assets of the Big Brothers of America, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, upon discharging or satisfactorily providing for the payment and discharge of all of the liability of such corporation and upon complying with all laws of the State of New York applicable thereto.

USE OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION OR LIQUIDATION

SEC. 17. Upon dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, after discharge or satisfaction of all outstanding obligations and liabilities, the remaining assets, if any, of the corporation shall be distributed in accordance with the determination of the board of directors of the corporation and in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation and all Federal and State laws applicable thereto.

RESERVATION OF RIGHT TO AMEND OR REPEAL CHARTER

SEC. 18. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Approved September 2, 1958.

Public Law 85-871

AN ACT

To amend the War Orphans' Educational Assistance Act of 1956 to permit the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to make payments with respect to special restorative training, or specialized courses of vocational training, for younger persons than those with respect to whom the Administrator may now make such payments, and for other purposes.

September 2, 1958
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the War Orphans' Educational Assistance Act of 1956 is amended by—

(1) redesignating clauses (2) and (3) of subsection (a) of section 203 of such Act as clauses (3) and (4), respectively; and by inserting after clause (1) a new clause (2) as follows:

“(2) if he has a mental or physical handicap, and the Administrator determines that his best interests will be served by pursuing a program of special restorative training under title IV, or a specialized course of vocational training under title III, such period may begin before his eighteenth birthday, but not before his fourteenth birthday;”;

(2) inserting “(1)” in subsection (a) of section 312 after the words “such course”, and adding the following phrase before the period at the end of that subsection: “, or (2) is approved for the enrollment of the particular individual under the provisions of section 314”; and

(3) adding at the end of title III a new section 314, as follows:

“SPECIALIZED VOCATIONAL TRAINING COURSES

“SEC. 314. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of section 312, the Administrator may approve a specialized course of vocational training leading to a predetermined vocational objective for the enrollment of an eligible person under this title if he finds that such course, either alone or when combined with other courses, constitutes a program of education which is suitable for that person and is required because of a mental or physical handicap.”

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War Orphans
Educational As-
sistance Act of
1956, amendments.
70 Stat. 411.
38 USC 1031
note.

38 USC 1072.