

committed to their care, with the consent of such children, as apprentices during their minority, that is to say, until the age of twenty-one years, to such persons and places, whether in or out of this State, and to learn such proper trades or employment as in the judgment of the said managers will be most conducive to the reformation and the future benefit and advantage of such children, and the indentures by which said children shall be bound, shall contain the covenants, and shall be recorded as prescribed by article sixth, of the Code, and all the provisions of the said article in relation to white apprentices, shall apply to apprentices bound under this section.

SEC. 18. The manner of receiving inmates into the House of Refuge, shall be in either of the following modes, namely: first, white male minors may be committed by a Justice of the Peace for any of the counties or City of Baltimore, on complaint and due proof made to him by the parent, guardian or next friend of such minor, that by reason of incorrigible or vicious conduct, such minor has rendered his control beyond the power of such parent, guardian or next friend, and made it manifestly requisite that from regard for the morals and future welfare of such minor, and the peace and order of society, he should be placed under the guardianship of the House of Refuge. Second, white male minors may be committed by the authority aforesaid, when complaint and due proof have been made that such minor is a proper subject for the guardianship of the House of Refuge, in consequence of vagrancy, or of incorrigible or vicious conduct, and that from the moral depravity, or otherwise of the parent, guardian or next friend, in whose custody such minor may be, such parent, guardian or next friend is incapable or unwilling to exercise the proper care and discipline over such incorrigible or vicious minor. Third, such white male children as their parents, guardians or friends may desire to place therein for temporary restraint and discipline, and where parents, guardians or friends shall agree and contract with the managers for their support and maintenance; and fourth, white male minors committed by the several courts in this State as provided in this article.

Manner of receiving inmates.

First class.

Second class.

Third class.

Fourth class.