

Every child residing in any county of the State, being fifteen years of age or sixteen years of age, who has not completed the work of the public elementary school, shall attend some public school not less than one hundred days, as nearly consecutive as possible, beginning not later than November first, during the period of each year the public schools of the county are in session; and such child shall attend some public school the entire period of each year the public schools of the county are in session, if not regularly and lawfully employed to labor at home or elsewhere, unless it can be shown to the county superintendent of schools that such child is elsewhere receiving regular and thorough instruction for said period in the studies usually taught in the public schools of the county to children of these ages; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to children whose mental and physical condition is such as to render the instruction above described inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child fifteen years of age, or sixteen years of age, shall cause such child to attend school or receive instruction as required by this section.

Any person who has a child under his control and who fails to comply with any of the provisions of this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined not exceeding five dollars for each offense.

173. Wherever the words "superintendent of public education" occur in this article, they shall be construed to mean state superintendent of schools; wherever the words "board of county school commissioners" occur, they shall be construed to mean "county board of education"; and wherever the words "board of district school trustees" occur, they shall be construed to mean "district board of school trustees." Nothing in this Act shall be construed to modify the duties or increase the powers of the State Board of Education with reference to the schools in Baltimore City.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1916, and that all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Approved April 18th, 1916.