SECTION 1. The County Commissioners of Allegany county shall annually at their first meeting in tee each year appoint three trustees to have charge and general supervision of the alms-house of said county; they shall also at the same time appoint a steward and all other necessary officers for said alms-house; and may purchase all articles necessary for farming the land thereto attached, and may levy from time Make levy to time on the assessable property of the county, such sums of money as shall be necessary for the support of the same.

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2. The trustees of said alms-house shall have general supervision over the said alms-house and grounds General superthereto attached, and over the inmates thereof, and vision may prescribe and designate who shall become inmates thereof, and the manner of conducting the affairs of such alms-house, and the officers thereof shall be subject to their control; and said trustees shall, at the meeting at which their successors are to be appointed, make a full report of the general condition of said alms-house to County Commissioners, and shall also at such time report the amount of money expended thereon during their term, which report shall be published for three consecutive weeks in one or more newspapers printed in the City of Cumberland.

2. A. Said trustees may bind out, under indentures of apprenticeship, any minor child under their Bind out. charge dependent on said county for support, to some manufacturer, mechanic, handicraftsman or other person; provided, however, that if any relative claiming such child shall give bond, with approved security in the penalty of at least five hundred dollars, for the proper maintenance and support of said child until it reaches the age of eighteen years, and the furnishing of reasonable schooling and education to such child, then it shall not be so bound out, but shall be delivered to such relative; said bond shall be given to the State of Maryland and recorded in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court for Allegany county, and suit may be brought thereon by the County Commissioners of said county if they shall failure afterward become liable to support such child, or suit may be brought thereon by such child (by guardian or next friend) if it shall be damaged by the failure of the obligors to fulfil the condition thereof.